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Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT

Ibn Saud's Help Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message.

Evacuation

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch from the independent French Agency.

The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

Leaflets on Damascus

BEIRUT, May 19 (UP).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus and Deir ez-Zor. The British Consul-General, Mr. G. T. Havard, is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul-General at London. The Vice-Consuls at Beirut and Damascus are remaining.

Protective Measures

MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

Chinese Military Mission

SINGAPORE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking "fortified with knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya," declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast to-day.

The Mission has just completed a two weeks' tour, during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the "New York Times" Ankara correspondent, Sulzberger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.

Sulzberger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East" and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.

When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats, in which the sailors made signals with lights.

The officer was unable to identify the boats.

On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered an SOS. from the German freighter Lech, addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.

These reports were not substantiated.

China Seeks More Arms By Barter

CHUNGKING, May 15 (International).—It was revealed here on the night of May 15, Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr. Alexander S. Panouchkine, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

Thereafter, Germany "peacefully" invaded Spain and put military forces in the Canary Islands and Spain's African possessions.

The Marquis d'Aguilar stated that he had advised the State Department that he had been informed that Germany now represented any Spanish Consulate or Legation in the Americas, and that this move had been taken for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism.

Vichy-Nazi Accord

Further Collaboration

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Franco-German negotiations continue to make satisfactory progress, it is officially announced in Vichy, according to the German news agency.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided that their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.

De Gaulle Replies

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Complete disavowal of the "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of the Allied Governments in London.

"It states that the Vichy Government has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader."

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who, for many years, has been known to be enfeebled by age.

A Belligerent State

The declaration continues: "Firstly, France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly, the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control and should, therefore, be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies."

Home Guard Celebrities

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, who, with the late Sir John Alcock, made the first Atlantic flight in 1919, has been appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Home Guard with the command of a battalion.

Sir Arthur was a Lieutenant in the R.A.F. in the last war and is now an active flying officer in the Training Branch.

Another battalion commander appearing on the same list is Major General George Ratkes, formerly of the Royal Marines, who served in the South African and World wars.

Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist.

The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he "might" send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Surrender of Duke of Aosta: Its Effect on British Cause

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The collapse of Italian resistance at Amba Alagi and the surrender of the Duke of Aosta mean the practical termination of the Abyssinian campaign.

"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns that there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out, but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the patriot forces.

SINKING OF THE ZAMZAM

Many Americans Aboard

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WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Officials are anxiously awaiting official reports regarding the steamer Zamzam, which not only reported the loss of American lives, but also that the action apparently occurred on the South Atlantic route which has been regarded as safe for neutral traffic.

The route of the Zamzam is the same as will be followed by United States freighters assigned to the task of taking supplies to Egypt. Germany declared the Red Sea a combat zone but the United States does not

recognise such designation.

Missionaries Aboard

CAIRO, May 19 (UP).—The Zamzam carried 19 missionaries with seven children, representing the Afrika Inland Mission, an interdenominational organization and also nine Seventh Day Adventists, one infant, as well as several French Oblate Fathers from Montreal. It is also believed that Mr. Charles J. F. Murphy of "Fortune" magazines and Mr. David Scherman, "Life" magazine photographer, several businessmen and the wife of an R.A.F. pilot with her child were aboard.

It is yet too early to forecast where Germany will attempt to exercise the greatest pressure. There is no evidence that large forces are being sent via Syria. A number of troops and planes have been rushed to Iraq but it will not be easy to build up a substantial force, especially one with striking powers, by aeroplanes alone.

Although the Germans have boasted of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have conveyed by air the heavy tanks such as appeared in Crete. It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance.

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surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

In a few days, it is stated, military circles will be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South African, Indian, the Sudan, Defence Force, patriot and British troops participated. The importance of the capture of the important road juncture of Dalle was stressed.

Escape Cut Off

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Canadians Aboard

TORONTO, May 19 (Reuter).—It is declared here that at least 23 Canadians were aboard the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, which was lost while carrying a British-American Ambulance unit across the Atlantic.

LATEST

Soviet Forms Home Guard

MOSCOW, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated to-day that 18,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Stalingrad (formerly Stalino).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical plant.

Stalingrad lies in the Don Basin in the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores.

It has a population of 400,000.

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Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

North Africa

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Meneltr and Birchileta were raided. Bengazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calato aerodrome on the Island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dorrie 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

Great Work By Our Spitfires

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel to-day encountered ten Messerschmitt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with their ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmitts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got each two and a third got one, states the Air Ministry.

Only one German had time to bail out, the others crashing into the sea in their machines.

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DEALERS DON'T CARE

A curious situation has developed in the local metal trade, causing a hold-up in export business to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The trouble is due to the fact that Chinese dealers—of whom there are scores, and sometimes hundreds, in particular trades—are in the habit of carrying on entirely free of Government regulation and never buy the Government Gazette; which in any case they could not read, as it is printed in the official language (English), the language of a minority of the population, according to the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

On March 21 and on May 2 the Director of Supply called upon all holders of stocks of brass, copper, cast iron, steel, zinc and aluminium to make detailed returns showing the quantities of each of these metals (under several sub-heads) held by them by piculs or by tons, with the place of storage. They are also required to make monthly returns hereafter of their stock position.

Although there are probably 100 holders in Yau-nan, Kennedy Town, and other parts of the Colony, the result of the notice was that precisely one return came in.

In the official view there are, in consequence, practically no stocks in the Colony of the metals mentioned and, for fear of denuding the place of war requirements, no export licences are being issued. Exporters who hold British Consular certificates forwarded by buyers to the effect that the metals are required for local use and are not destined for the enemy, are therefore unable to ship.

An appeal has been published in the Chinese newspapers urging dealers to realise that there is a war on, to change their happy-go-lucky methods and comply with the Government's demand for information. It is pointed out that non-compliance renders them liable to severe penalties and is holding up the trade of the port.

Exporters who are in touch with metal dealers are urged to bring influence to bear to ensure that the required returns are made.

MR C. A. RODRIGUES

Well-known Portuguese Resident Passes

The funeral of the late Mr Carlos Augusto de Carvalho Rodrigues, who died yesterday at his residence, No. 130 Austin Road, Kowloon, at the age of 51 years, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery during the afternoon. The Rev. Fr. H. de Angelis conducted the chapel and graveside services.

The late Mr Rodrigues is survived by his widow, three sons (Messrs L. Rodrigues of the China Light and Power Co., D. Rodrigues of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and T. Rodrigues), six daughters, and a brother and a sister who are both in Macao.

The late Mr Rodrigues was connected with many business firms, in the Colony and his first employment, which was with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, lasted 10 years. He left the Bank to join Ellis and Company (now Ellis and Edgar). He left Ellis and Company shortly after to join Logan and Amps, and later joined the staff of David Sassoon and Company. A few years ago he rejoined Ellis and Edgar as accountant and was with them until last year, when he left for health reasons.

Mr Rodrigues was a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps and also the Police Reserve during the Great War, 1914-1918. He was very fond of swimming and represented Hongkong at Interport Pool and Swimming against Shanghai many years ago. He was also a keen shot and devoted many Sundays to this sport. He played Lawn Bowls in his younger days and was a member of the victorious Recreio 2nd Division team which won the championship in 1928.

The chief mourners were Messrs L. D. and T. Rodrigues (sons), Dr A. M. Rodrigues and Mr C. Soares (nephews), and Mr E. Carvalho (cousin). Among the large gathering present were Messrs C. M. S. Alves, L. Lainmert, C. M. Correa, J. M. d'Enc, R. M. Orrin, F. M. Ellis, A. R. Ellis, E. J. Figueiredo, J. A. Graca, A. V. Gosoano, M. A. R. Souza, L. C. R. Souza, P. M. N. da Silva, F. D'Almada, F. X. Soares, C. O. Baptista, V. C. da Rocha, H. A. Alves, A. E. S. Alves, G. Brown, D. Demec, Miss F. M. Cruz, Dr Ribeiro and Bro. Michael.

Floral bouquets from the widow and children were buried with the casket. By request no wreaths were sent.

WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Private Harold Noldia Hassell, of the Middlesex Regiment, and Mrs Chan Yock-mui (widow), of No. 45 Yen Chow Street;

Mr Chin Wal-nam, clerk, and Miss Wong Ki-wan, student;

Mr Leonard Adolphus Chence, clerk, and Miss Nelly Ko Wal-ying, of No. 24 Tam Kung Road;

Mr Roy Ernest Heasman, banker, and Miss Kathleen Joan Archer, lecturer, residing at the Peninsula Hotel;

Mr Chong Shu-wai, book-keeper, and Miss Tsui-chun, of No. 122a Queen's Road, West.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

The MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 29th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

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The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May, to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Life in England, Mr Abbott said, was not always easy. It was sometimes difficult to get supplies of articles one particularly wanted and one had to make do with something else or go without. "There are plenty of hardships but they are undergone cheerfully, because the people know that undergoing them is necessary if the war is to be won. I would not have missed all that I experienced during my leave in England for anything in the world," he said.

Besides broadcasting, Mr Abbott also found time to sit for his Bar examination and be called to the Bar.

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12.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor). Blumenlied, Op. 39 (Lange, arr. Blodgett); Luna Waltz (Lincke); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; You're Mine (Dorance-Slevor); One Song (ilm "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"); Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Tres Jolie Waltz (Waldeiche); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Girls were made to Love and Kiss (Lohar); Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Waldteufel Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Piano Duets by Rawles and Landauer.

1.13 Songs from the film "East Side of Heaven"—Hang Your Heart on a Hickory Limb... Bing Crosby with Orchestra; "Aunt Sally"; "We'll All Go Riding on a Rainbow"; If I Had Napoleon's Hat... Cleely Courtneidge; "Balalaika"; Ride, Cossack, Ride... Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; "Lislen, Darling"; Zing! Went the Strings of my Heart... Judy Garland with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Roy Smeek and his Hawaiian Serenaders.

2.15 Close Down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Variety.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" —No. 4—"International Justice."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 Violin Solos.

Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens); Toscha Seidel with piano accomp.; Romance, Op. 78; No. 2; Donce Champetre, Op. 100; No. 2 (Sibelius); Emil Telman, with piano accomp.; Don Giovanni; From 8 to 9 o'clock that night, a quest variety programme will be given, and listeners are invited to send in requests for any items they may care to hear. All letters must reach the Secretary not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21. At 9 o'clock, O.M. Green's newsletter will be relayed from London, and the transmission ends with a programme by Lily Pons, Keith Falkner and George Boultanger and his orchestra.

Saturday being Empire Day, at a quarter to 9 that night ZBW will be taking a programme from London entitled "The Empire at War," which consists of extracts from speeches made by the Rt Hon. Winston Churchill during the year May 1940 to May 1941. The programmes that day will consist of variety and classical items by English artists and composers, ending at midnight with an hour of Dance music.

The luncheon transmission on Sunday opens with Beethoven's 2nd Symphony played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra; and after the Reuter news, Bach-Walton's "The Wise Virgins" Ballet Suite will be broadcast. This will be followed by excerpts from Borodin's "Prince Igor." After the 9 o'clock news from London that night, L. Starbuck will give "London Impressions" from the Studio of ZBW. Listeners are reminded that news in French is broadcast every night from 9.45 to 10 o'clock on week days, and on Sundays, commencing at the same time, a half hour programme of news, talk and music, also in French. These French programmes are broadcast on short wave only.

Mr. M. J. Abbott Tells Of Experiences

"The morale of the people at home is excellent and there need be no concern in that respect," said Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, who has returned to the Colony after spending most of his leave in London, in an interview with an S. C. M. Post reporter yesterday.

During his stay in London, Mr Abbott became an announcer at the B.B.C., and although at first he intended to stay only two months, he ultimately spent nine months doing what he describes as an "absorbingly interesting job." During those nine months, Broadcasting House was bombed twice, and judging from the number of bombs which fell nearby, it was a fairly popular target.

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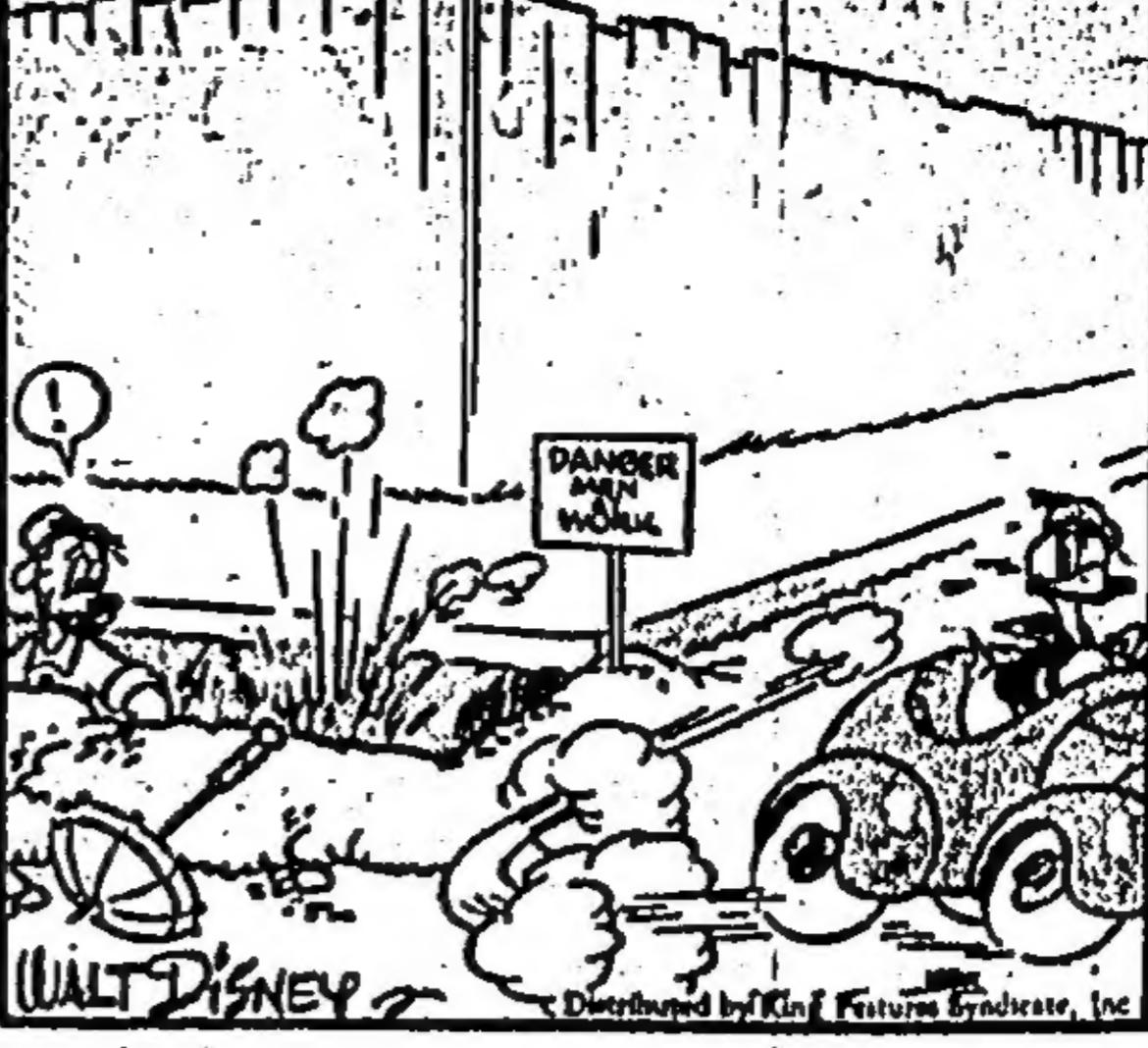
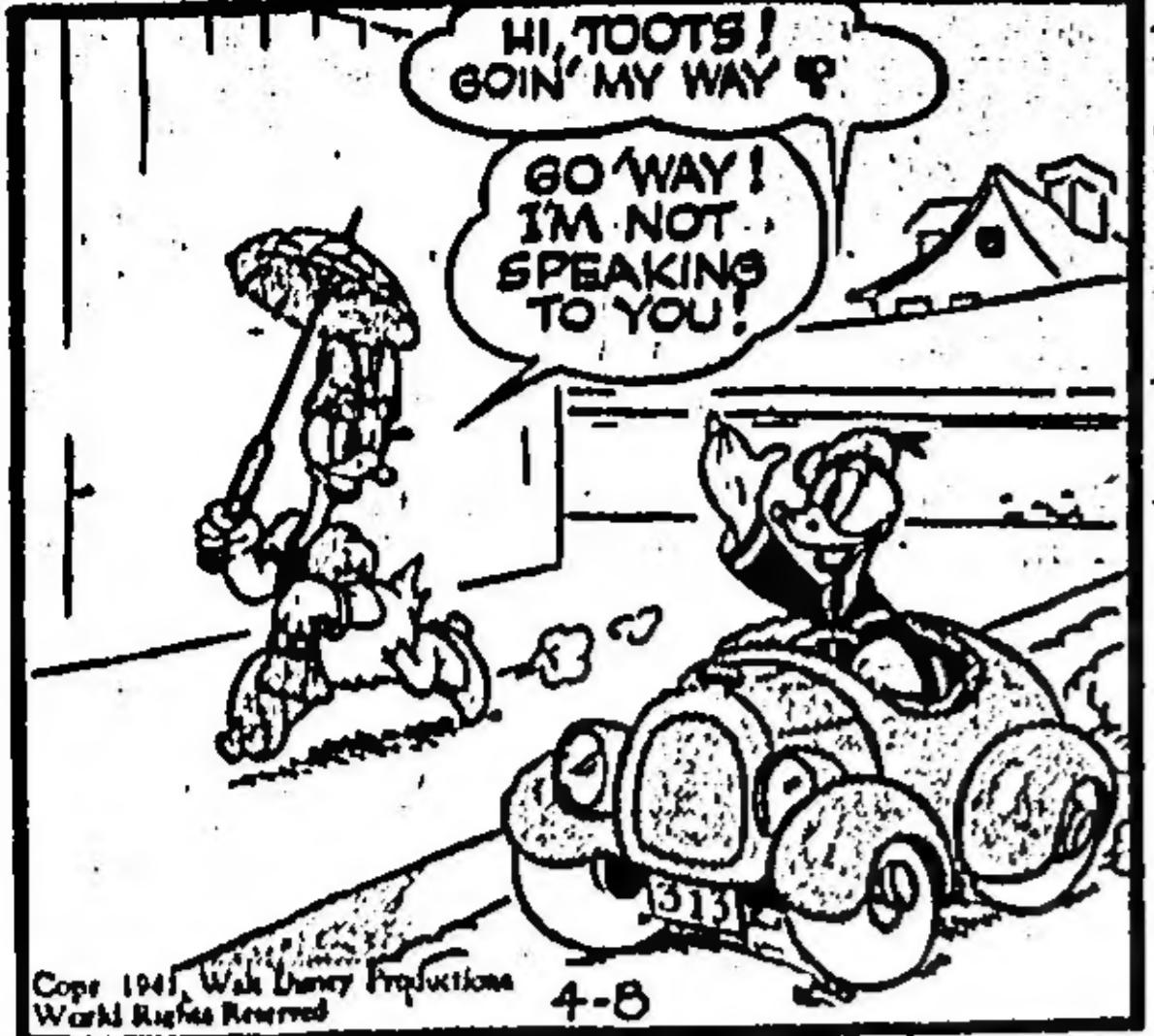
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Mr Abbott was in London at the height of the September blitz, and he said that while the raids were distinctly unpleasant, one got used to them gradually. Raiders were expected every night and when they did not come over the people were almost disappoindt, especially when they had taken the trouble to get settled for the night in their shelters.

While a certain amount of damage had been done, Mr Abbott added, it would take years and years to wipe out London. The fires in the city were a serious matter, but the thing that struck him most was that the damage was not very noticeable if one

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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half-a-dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defense. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

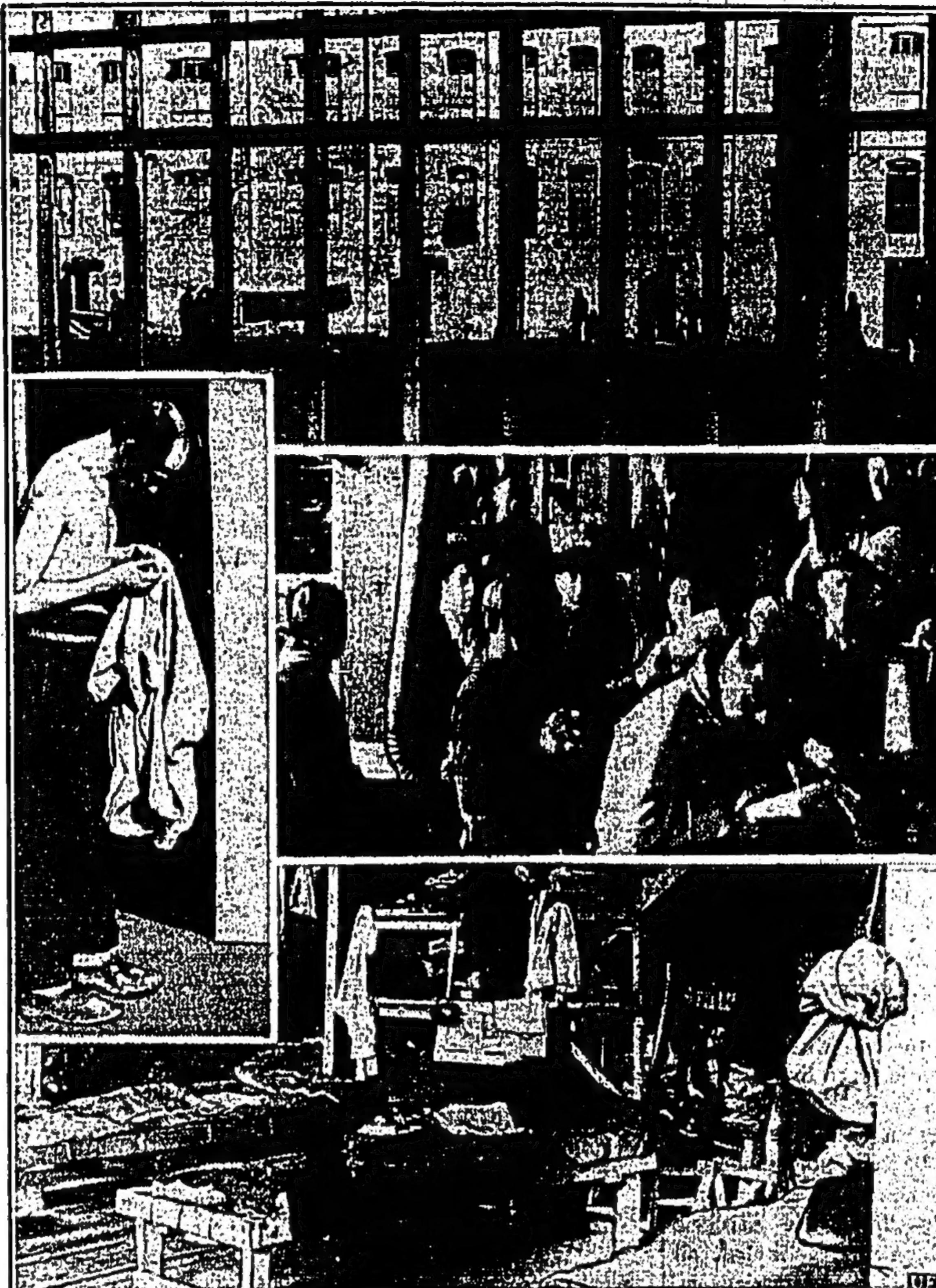
strangle what is left of Unoccupied France.

To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany. Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war. We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become leaders again in Europe."

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences. The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after France fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power, with the



FRENCH REFUGEES—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovakians, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseilles. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building.

backing of Germany, that he fell victim to the intrigue of his political foes at home and to Petain's own ideas of how to save France from extinction. Laval is now in Paris, but many in Vichy believe he will return. They know that the Germans can put him in a place of power again if they think it desirable.

The ousting of Laval brought Admiral Francois Darlan to power, and consolidated in his hands the most important cabinet posts. Darlan is outspokenly anti-British, because he built up the French Navy and saw some of its finest ships attacked by the British at Dakar and Oran. He is reputed to have expressed a hope that the French Navy would have chance to show its mettle to the British, but is also credited with being merely more anti-British than pro-German.

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war.

Petain and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

The line of demarcation between occupied and unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation,"

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 125 to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 43 1/2.

This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and whenever the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

Against the German power, there are a few safeguards.

One is the Nazi-dictated armistice that left the fleet in French hands to protect French colonies. As long as Petain can threaten to flee to North Africa and turn the fleet, air force and colonial army over to co-operation with the British, the Germans must carefully weigh the cost of breaking the armistice terms by invading the unoccupied zone or seizing French naval bases.

The second and, possibly the most important, safeguard is the pro-British feeling among the French armed forces and the people. Three experienced observers just returned from North Africa told the same story: that the French navy took an objective view of the military necessity that prompted British attacks at Oran and Dakar, and that the feeling among both men and officers was favourable to the British.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyses business and hits the people in their pocket-books. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are new signs scrawled in chalk on the walls: "Vive De Gaulle!"—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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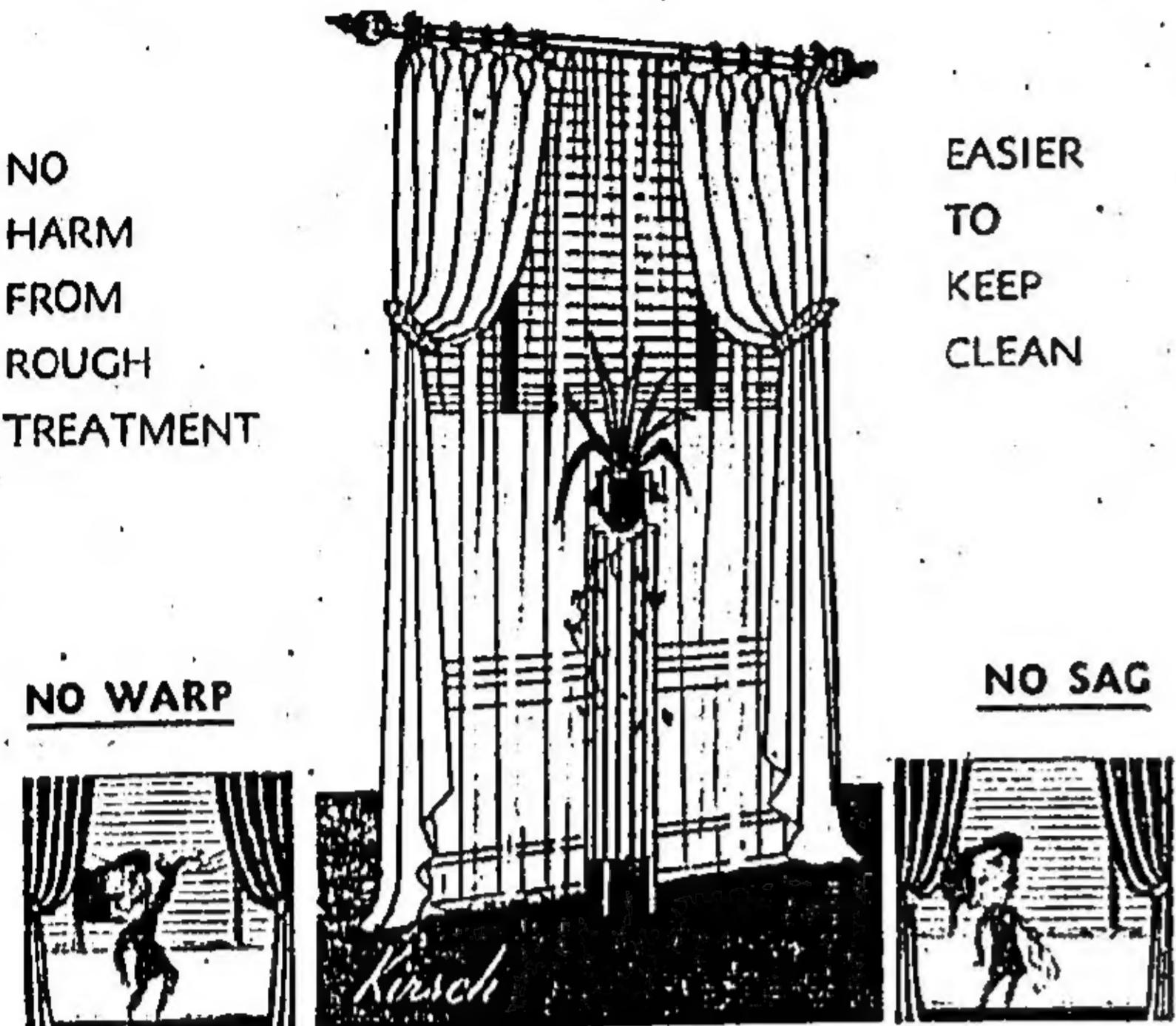
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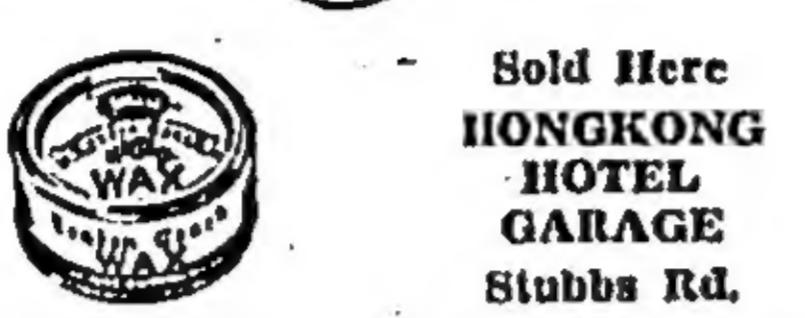
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BALANCE SHEET

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first wars, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the northeast because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle.

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and Geneva as in the Foreign geographical remoteness or other indomitable faith in the Offices they had left behind considerations. Then he goes on to say:

"I believe all these defects would be lessened if there were, inside the framework of the League a confederation of related Powers with appropriate But that it will be so for a confederated organs.

Shall we witness a joyful very long time in the years return to the great palace after this war is sure. "The most obviously necessary of "Nurse" no extravagant which should be the preservation of European peace. "It should be open to European members of the League who fully accept the principle that aggression is of Nations. As the author prepared to use all their strength to sorrowful hints on his feet victims of it in Europe. last page, where he distinguishes between "the region of the European International General Staff and Secretariat" would be needed of political reform and that Confederation would not be subject to the control of any other International authority, but would remain in close the spiritual and moral atmosphere of Europe has not improved in the first four progress, including possibly a common

If Viscount Cecil had addressed himself more to a clear expression of his "conclusions" than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical junctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

Let a single example serve! After stating and rejecting the excuses made for the lamentable handling by the British Government of Italy's aggression against Abyssinia, the author says:

"No! The feebleness of the action from the start and the subsequent abandonment of resistance to aggression, the fear of consequences to us and to France of League action against Italy. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorously in France and actually, though not explicitly, in Britain that to regard prevention of war, by force if necessary, as our highest interest and duty, was a piece of visionary nonsense, and that nothing of the kind should be attempted unless some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

That is too bitter. The truth would seem to be that as the international situation worsened, faith in the efficiency, if not in the doctrine, of collective security

By J. B. FIRTH

decades of this century, currency and a common tariff policy, whatever may be said of would doubtless arise. If, as is vital the old "iniquities"—the permanent limitation of armaments is of political reform and that Confederation would not be subject to the control of any other International authority, but would remain in close

Diplomacy and the dynastic trol of the European General Staff."

This brief outline can be filled The most important chapter in out by reference to a Memorandum submitted by the author to the League of Nations Union of the next war was strengthened conclusions." As might be expect last year which is given as an ed by each recurrent crisis and ed, he utterly scouts the idea of appendix to the book. He there whatever politicians might say abandoning in despair the basic insists that whatever territorial on public platforms people were principle of the Covenant—the and financial arrangements are coming to the conclusion that prevention of war and collective security against the aggressor, be solved must be the Main- He assumes that there must be tenance of Future Peace and threatened prudence counselled embodiment that principle, though tion. possibly built on different founda

The first of these two problems was faced by the Peace Conference of 1919 which production schemes which are finding support in some quarters. They Covenant. It will have to be accepted, he faced anew and the practicability of the suggestion of new was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the related Powers should certainly Lord Milner sponsored a quar ter of a century ago.

The Dominion statesmen emphatically turned down that proposal on the ground that their specially if she maintains her were asked to make it the sheet rule of any Imperial legislature Pacific. These two Powers, in and the eleventh hour was well or executive in which they deed, may take up an isolationist advanced before the National would each have only a minority attitude. Till the state of the Government began to grow fine on paper, but it would not known all-is-guess-work.

But the extreme brittleness of collective security was never explained to the public when they would be more acceptable, he faced anew and the practicability of the suggestion of new was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the related Powers should certainly Lord Milner sponsored a quar ter of a century ago.

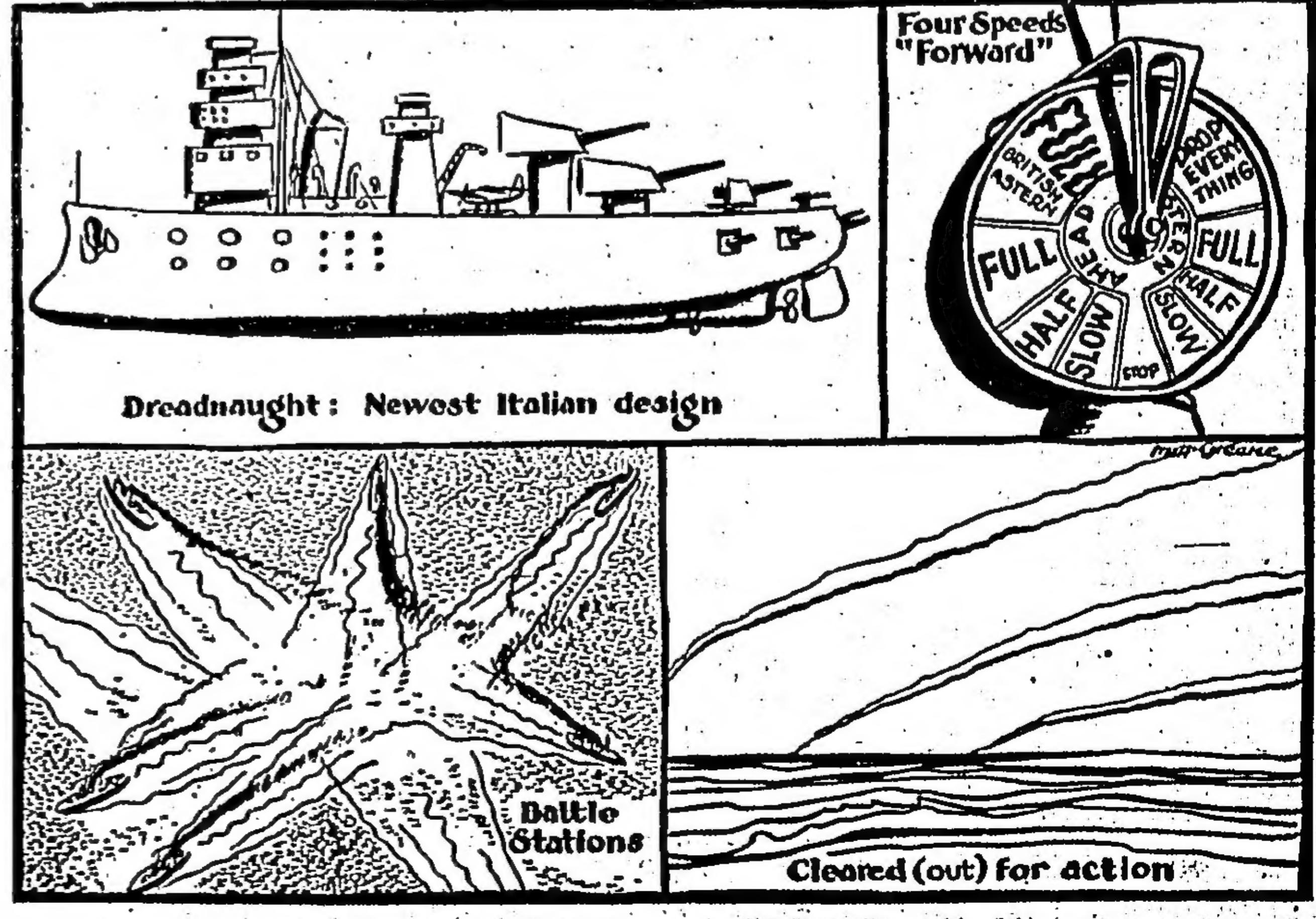
The fighting services had been

Belgium's withdrawal from her Locarno obligations was significant. States stood by collective security in principle, but they sought safety in Facts of Non-Aggression and—counting without Hitler—in neutrality.

Those grave defects, indeed, lay at the back of all the timidi ties and delinquencies of British Prime Ministers and Ministers in their relation to collective security.

The author himself lends support to that of a common war and the Aggressors traded port to a totally different plan of climate. The World Economic boldly upon her unreadiness. If reform. He attributes in large Conference of a few years ago, Viscount Cecil had been as fearless as the esprit de corps in the League should be a warning. Economic as he was of Collective Security Powers which should have in-nationalism cannot be "broken down" without breaking down foreign policy during the last automatically to resist an attack every other form of nationalism. ten years would come on one of their number" to a But it ought to be greatly modi fied by imagination caused by the weight.

WITH THE ITALIAN FLEET



Cartoon by Matt Greene in "P.M." (New York)

Lord Gort's Visit To Algeciras

GIBRALTAR, May 19 (Reuter).—General Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish Military Governor of Algeciras this morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea.

It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 20.

Meiji University Baseballers To Visit Hawaii

TOKYO, May 19 (Dowell).—Meiji University's baseball team, which was last year's champion among Tokyo's six big universities, will leave on June 10 aboard the Yahata Maru for Hawaii where it will play eight to ten games with the teams of the Hawaiian Baseball League.

The Meiji team which has been invited by the Hawaii Asahi Club will be headed by Manager Ryozo Akagami, Coach Umeo Tenizawa and 18 players.

The Meiji players will remain in Hawaii Islands for a fortnight and will return to Japan on August 15 aboard the Asama Maru.

Rifle Shooting

First Time Since 1914-18

The Hongkong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday.

As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire Service rifle since 1914-18, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was decided when Mr Langston and Mr Rose shot it out and the result was an overwhelming victory for the latter.

Electric Rinks

THE FOLLOWING will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a Third Division lawn bowls match against the Hongkong F.C. at North Point on Saturday:

W. E. McFarlane, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome; A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan; A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Gardner and J. F. Lunney.

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Libyan Border Fighting

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Dealing with the German sally from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

The German attempt with two columns to force "Hellfire Pass" was unsuccessful and the Germans again have to recuperate from their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.



AT PRAYER—Despite bombarded walls and debris, this group gathered in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral for prayer on Good Friday. A cross of charred wood stands over an improvised altar in the roofless building. The Archdeacon said: "If you know God loves you, you can stand up to anything."

Blitzed Publishers' Scheme Of Co-operative Book Distribution

A co-operative experiment in book distribution, the greatest venture of its kind the book trade of Great Britain ever knew, has arisen from the ashes of Nazi-devastated Paternoster Row and its environs—for centuries the heart of Britain's book trade.

When Paternoster Row, a long, narrow, dark street off Saint Paul's Churchyard, was fired by Nazi bombers in the London holocaust of Dec. 29, more than 6,000,000 volumes were destroyed, among them many priceless and irreplaceable treasures.

The offices and warehouses of nearly a dozen well-known publishers were either totally destroyed or seriously damaged, and in this toll of literary havoc, Simpkin Marshall, wholesale book distributors of Stationers' Hall Court near by, lost every item in their stock of 2,500,000 volumes, together with their unique catalogues comprising a record of books published in England for more than 100 years past.

Yet before the ashes cooled, the essentials of a co-operative scheme for carrying on business had been worked out by the Publishers' Association which undertook to run Simpkins as a distributive agent for the whole trade.

The name, the business, the goodwill, the vans, all that was left, were taken over and the work of distribution was carried on from Book Centre Limited, a subsidiary concern of Messrs Pitman.

Vital Link in Trade

Simpkin Marshall have long been a vital connecting link between publisher and retail bookseller. Their aim in the past has been to have every book in stock, or to know how to procure it quickly, so that when the man-in-the-street walked into a bookshop anywhere and asked for what might be an obscure title, the bookseller put it on his daily order form, and Simpkins, from their stocks and records looked it out and supplied it.

About ten per cent of the books sold by British publishers went through Simpkins' records. The firm had also developed a con-

nections in Princes' Gate, S. W., London.

Messrs J. Whitaker and Sons, publishers for nearly three-quarters of a century of "Whitaker's Almanack" and the "Bookseller," lost their records and orders in the fire and publication of the "Almanack" had to be postponed for a time while they secured duplicates.

Cassells in La Belle Sauvage, was saved by one of its own fire-watchers who dealt with an incendiary bomb after it had burnt through the roof.

Good Neighbour Policy

The good-neighbour movement to offset all this destruction in the book-trade began the day after the fire. Publishers whose premises were spared offered sanctuary to less fortunate competitors, and printers and binders did all they could to help.

So, in spite of it all, the compilation and printing of Spring Lists has gone ahead, and reprints of the works with a known ready sale have been rushed through.

Old Firms Hard Hit

Other publishers whose premises were ravaged included William Blackwood and Sons, established in Edinburgh in 1814 and operating a London branch since 1840. They published George Eliot's "Adam Bede" in 1859.

Messrs Collins—lost their office in Bridewell Place, but most of their

columns to a safe place as a precaution against air raid damage. The window dates from 1449. When fears were felt for its safety in 1560, it was stored and forgotten for 242 years when it was

Messrs Hutchinson—largest firm of publishers in the world, were completely gutted. Their stock, however, was safe. They now have new

replaced.

WINDOW OF 1449

One of the oldest church windows in the country—at East Harling, Norfolk-parish church—is to be removed to a safe place as a precaution against air raid damage. The window dates

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Spring Training Nears Its End

Mel Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lassies took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marques' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 win over the Oil "seniors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fracas.

STAGING a tremendous run-scoring uprising against the weak-willed Engineers, manager Dave Ussher's mighty Tulsa diamond aces played "scorched earth" ball to crash home with a colossal 25 run merry-go-round. Uncle Sam's new dealers took a ball busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Sapper hurler Ruddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Paced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germonito's circuit-clutching clout in the 8th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundsman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "covered up" hooks, to limit the Hamelin hoosiers to a solitary bingle—a slow roller between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Ruddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hillock in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-shagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad miscues in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamen from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

The beermen opened up with a bang in the initial stanza, and pushed across three markers on a

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Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry, Tulsa—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the pinches to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Madeline Arculli, H.B. Beermen—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singles to drive in three runs; latter hustled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Win May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batting attack, latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Card threat.

Mary Ng and Mavis Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tossing game in subduing the Oliers slugging threat; petite Mavis covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whirling around in whippet fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Trounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 19 (UPI)—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win to-day, beating Brooklyn Dodgers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	1	4	2
Battery: Casey, Brown, Hamill, Ruth, Owen, Phelps.	14	14	2
Chicago	1	4	0
Battery: Pascau, McCullough, George.	2	6	1
New York	1	4	0
Battery: Hubbell, Dunning.	3	0	4
Pittsburgh	1	4	2
Battery: Butcher, Lopez.	4	10	0
Boston	1	4	0
Battery: Salvo, Berres, Gremm.	7	14	3
Cincinnati	1	4	0
Battery: Vandermeer, Bergs, Lombard.	2	6	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	4	0	1
Battery: Minar, Brown, Hemley.	5	12	3
Philadelphia	1	4	0
Battery: McCrae, Hayes.	2	6	1
St. Louis	5	8	0
New York	1	4	2
Battery: Russo, Peck, Stancanu, Dickey.	2	4	2
Detroit	4	10	0
Battery: Gorsica, Tobbeets.	2	4	2
Boston	1	4	0
Battery: Dobson, Harris, Judd, Peacock.	2	10	1
Chicago	0	0	2
Battery: Smith, Tresh.	2	10	1
Washington	1	4	0
Battery: Kennedy, Masterson, Evans.	2	6	1

Happy Valley Golf Matches

Week-End Results

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

First round—W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butlin 1 hole.

Semi-final—Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

Junior Title

First round results of the Junior Sectional Championship were: L. Powell; W. V. Aherne beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Beeken; H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stablesford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Hoax Report

Resignations From Soccer Committee Denied

We are asked to state that there is no truth in the report appearing in our issue of yesterday to the effect that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kosack, Civilian Representative, have resigned from the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

Both are still keenly interested in the game of Association Football and the welfare of Referees. They state that they have no intention of withdrawing their support from the Association and are at a complete loss to understand what gave rise to the false report.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee of the H.K.F.R.A. since the last general meeting is Mr. W. H. Foster, who has taken the place of Mr. M. Minihan as Army Representative, the latter having left the Colony.

Swimming appeared on the programme after the battle and a light lunch was served by the Canuckettes to end a real Sunday afternoon picnic outing.

Baseball dandies are reminded that an important meeting of the league will be held in the Texaco offices, Asia Life Bldg., at 4 P.M. railway time, this evening.

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The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.

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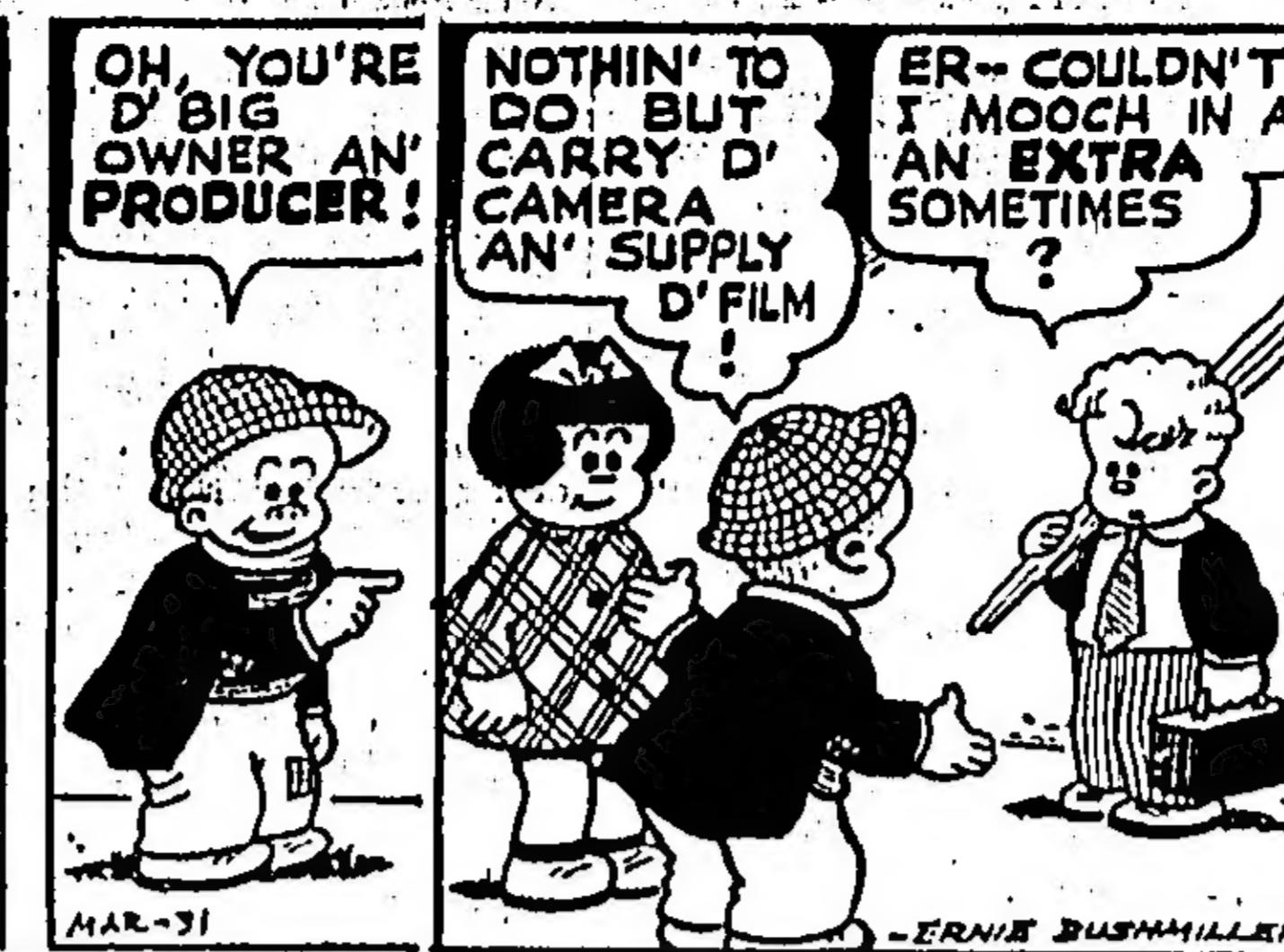
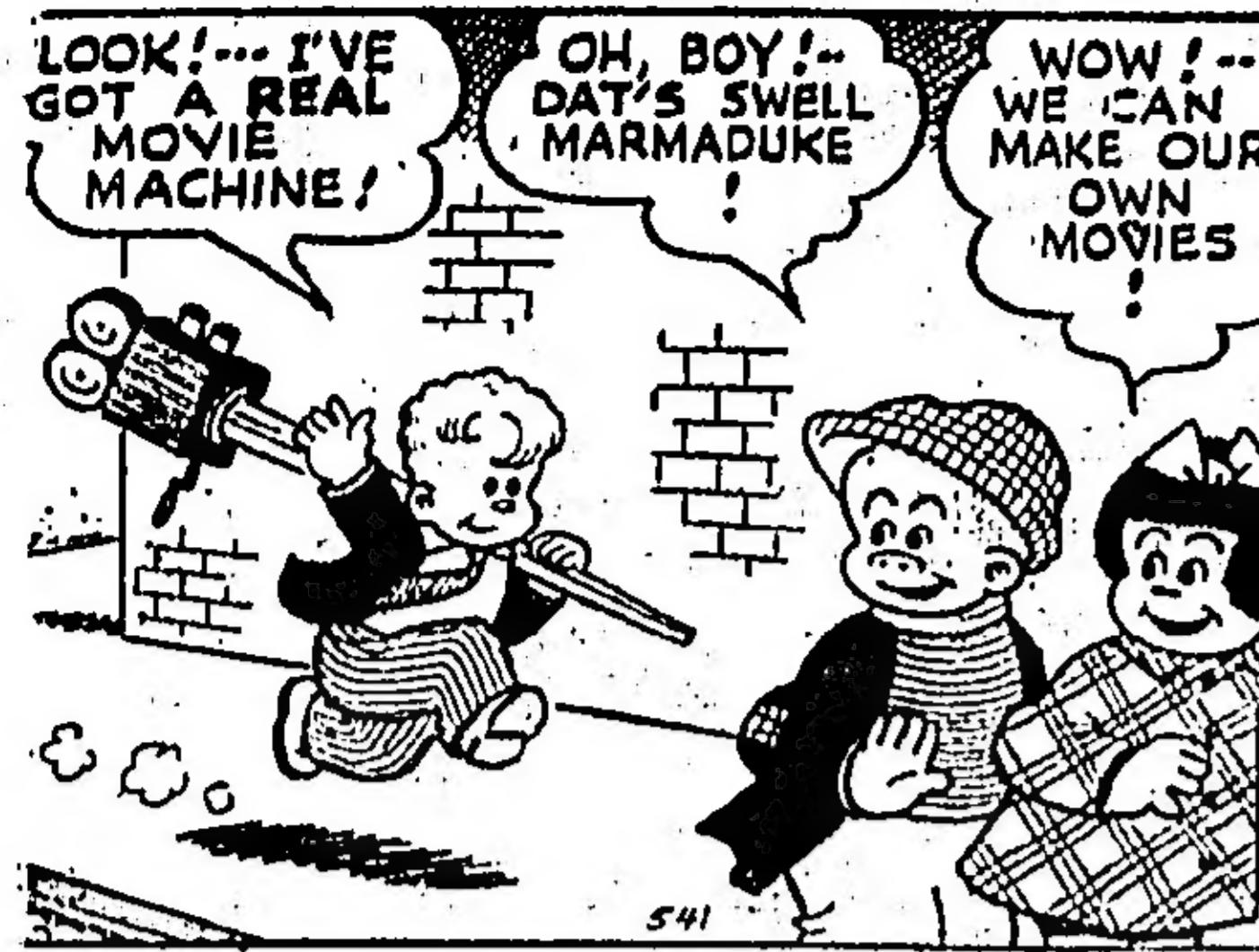
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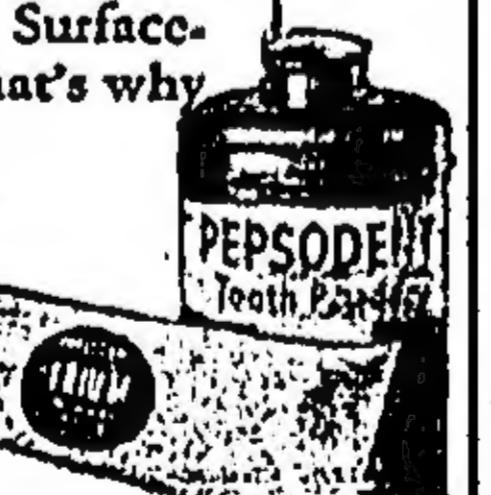
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Mr. W. G. F. previously acknowledged, \$100 and \$104.45; Miss M. L. Whitley (monthly), \$50; Quarry Bay Working Party \$50; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly), \$10; the Royal Canadian Club, Hongkong, part proceeds of Entertainment "Boy Meets Girl" \$400; E. Lloyd Jones (monthly), \$10; R. Hancock (monthly), \$25; Dr. K. W. Chau \$400; "A. J. Jones" \$50; "In Memory of T. H. Hyatt" Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sherman, \$10; Anonymous (monthly), \$5; Analytical Government Laboratories (April, \$75; May, \$702,450); \$702,450.

Subscribers to the L.G.U. Spitfire Fund will be pleased to hear that the British Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have been able to remit by telegraphic transfer \$120 to headquarters in London.

SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941: Previously acknowledged \$1,145; Mr. H. A. Kehler, \$20; Mr. M. M. Thomas, \$10. Total to date, \$4,175.

MISS JEAN MACKIE DECORATED

It is learned that a former Hongkong girl has been decorated by His Majesty the King for courage and example in a bombing raid "somewhere in Britain". She is Miss Jean Mackie, daughter of Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, late of Messrs Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd. and former Legislative Council member.

At the time of the raid Miss Mackie was the officer-in-charge of a "Wren" hostel which suffered a direct hit, killing ten girls.

Miss Mackie, who was very popular in Hongkong, was one of the Colony's keenest women fliers, and obtained her "A" certificate here in June, 1934. She was the first woman in the Colony to receive this certificate, and was also the first member of the Hongkong Flying Club (of which she was Secretary) to gain this distinction.

Chaplin Skit On Hitler

"The Great Dictator"

You will laugh with Chaplin when his incomparable genius as a comedian forces you to laugh. You will be bewildered by the excellent impersonation he gives of Hitler "shooting his neck off" at a mass meeting of the Nazis, and finally, you will feel with him when he denounces dictatorship in the speech he gives towards the end of the picture.

All the above are incorporated in "The Great Dictator", which is now showing at the Oriental Theatre, at popular prices. There is a great demand for seats at all performances and indications are that the picture will have a record run at this popular theatre.

The picture tells of the horrors of Nazism and how the Jews are persecuted by Hitler and his storm troopers. In the midst of it all Charlie Chaplin, with his barber's shop in the Ghetto, brings a comical relief to an otherwise sombre world story, making "The Great Dictator" one of the best-directed and most entertaining films ever to have been shown locally.

Jack Oakie gives as good an impersonation of Mussolini as Chaplin does of Hitler, and these two, as a team, make one continuous roar of laughter for the audience.

BRIGANTINE LAUNCHED

ROUND THE WORLD TRIP

Built at a cost of about \$40,000, the 35-ton luxury brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Peace), was launched by Miss Virginia T. Ildefonso in traditional manner with a bottle of champagne at the Wing On Shing shipyard, Shamshuipo, in the presence of the brigantine's captain, Lieut.-Colonel Juan L. Calvo, and many friends, yesterday.

The craft was originally built for Sr. A. Camelo, Mexican Consul in Manila, but after construction had been started, Sr. Camelo decided that it was too big for him, and sold it to Lieut.-Col. Calvo and Lieut.-Colonel A. Arnaliz. Lieut.-Col. Calvo will be taking the vessel to Manila shortly, where he will be joined by Lieut.-Col. Arnaliz, and other companions for a trip around the world. The brigantine is said to be the only one of its kind in the Far East, and the largest to be built in Hongkong. Her dimensions are: Length over-all 55 ft 10 ins; beam 15 ft; and draught 6 ft 3 ins. She has a 57-ft mainmast and a 53-ft foremast above deck, and will carry 15,745 square feet of sail. She is also equipped with a 1941 model 55-horse-power Gray Marine-Diesel engine, and has storage capacity for 400 gallons of fuel and 300 gallons of fresh water, making it possible for her to travel at least 1,000 miles without stopping for fuel or water.

Designed by Mr. Murray G. Peterson, Naval Architect of Marblehead, America, the brigantine is a sister ship to the "Don Quixote" of Manila, which was built in America in 1937. A slight change in the rigging is the only difference between the two vessels.

Commodious Interior

The vessel appears to be rather small from outward appearances, but the interior is most commodious and well planned. The Chinese and Filipino crew have bunks built forward, with the main cabin for the captain amidships, adjoining which is the saloon and dining room. In the centre of the vessel is the kitchen on one side, and a chart room on the other, with quarters for the first mate and other senior members of the crew.

The bowsprit is adorned with a small teak-wood figure of Our Lady of Peace, painted in gold, and on the transom of the brigantine is the Coat of Arms of the City of Manila. She was originally built in an adjoining shipyard, but was transferred to the present yard a few months ago for adjustment and completion. A radio compass and wireless telephony set will be installed on the vessel in Manila.

Colonel Calvo, who is in the Philippine Army Reserve, and Colonel Arnaliz, a reserve officer in the Air Force in the Philippines, were the two intrepid airmen who flew a small plane from Manila to Madrid via Hongkong just before the start of the Spanish civil war. The two men have been companions on many other adventurous jaunts, but this is their most ambitious undertaking in a sea-going vessel.

Merely for Adventure

Colonel Calvo said that the purpose of the trip was merely one of adventure, but they would try to recover some of their expenses by selling photographs of their journey to various magazines, and he would probably write a book about the trip which is expected to last about two years, and also to write something about his flight to Spain. He recalled that the cost of the flight to Spain was over 20,000 pesos. The plane, valued at 18,000 pesos, was lost in Spain, and petrol amounted to about 3,000 pesos.

The adventurers on the trip will include Mr. Rafael d'Almeida, Mr. Adolf Fernandez, a newsreel photographer, and a crew of two Chinese and two Filipinos.

Among those present at the launching were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Ildefonso, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Soldinski, Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. J. L. d'Almeida, Mrs. M. Chervillo, Miss C. Ribeiro, Mr. J. D'Aquino and Masters L. and B. Ildefonso.

Salaries Taxation

Relief for Married Men With Children?

The possibility of some relief from the Salaries Tax for married men with one or two children was hinted by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Secretary to the War Taxation Committee, when seen by an S. C. M. Post reporter yesterday.

Mr. Barnett added that the Committee had viewed with favour an increase of allowances for a wife and first child, and pointed out that this was not brought about by any consideration regarding evacuation but by the high cost of living.

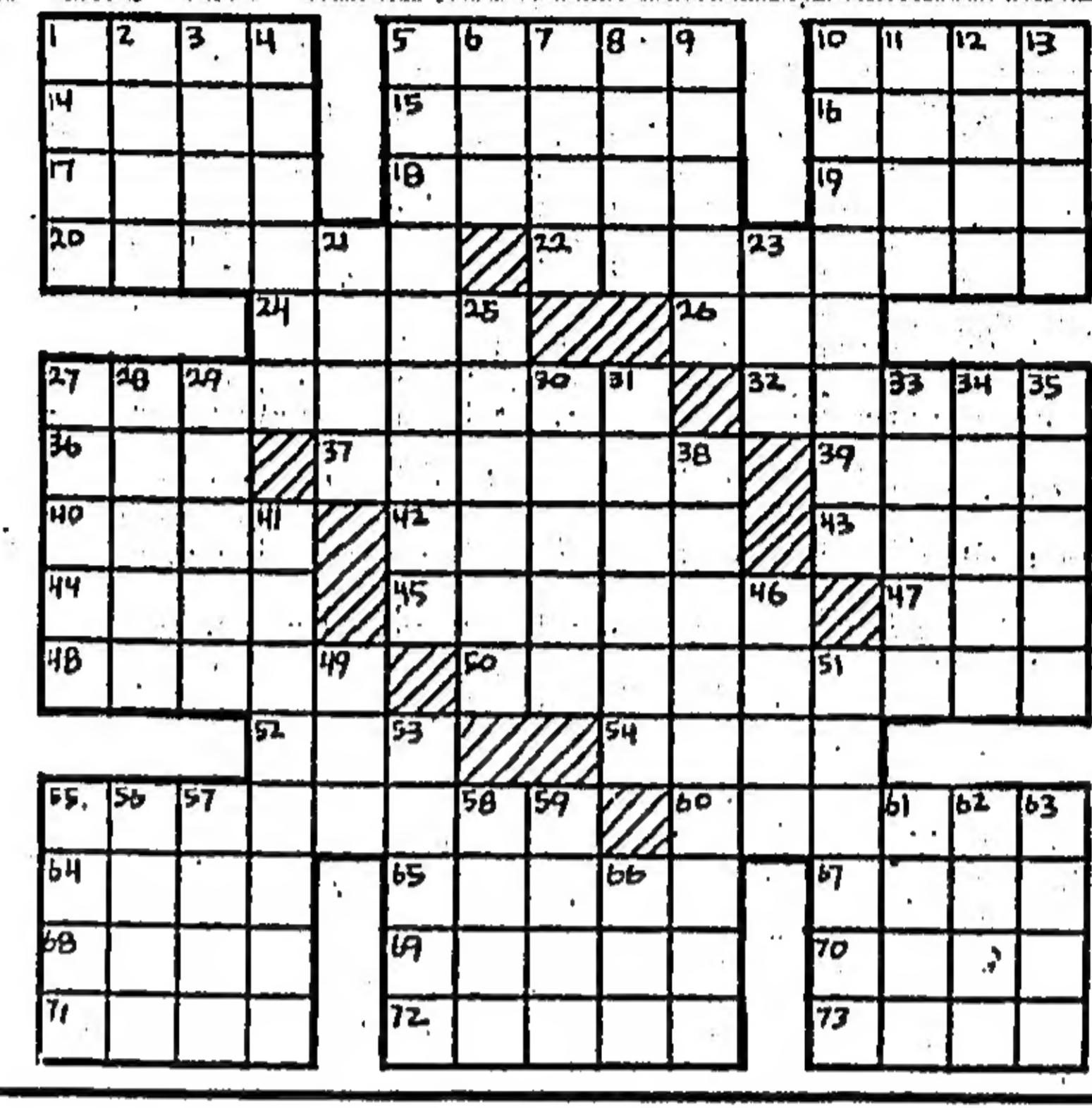
A draft report of the Committee's proposals has been circulated to members and it is understood that a meeting will be held tomorrow to consider any suggested amendments.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—One out
4—Place in office again
5—Bettily
6—Tropical flower
7—Olive's name
8—Tropical island
10—Inhabitant of northern country
12—At one time
13—With names
14—Fierce family in Lid
15—Conjecture
16—Name of genus
18—Enemies of Dante
19—Dope
20—Claw of bird of prey
21—Prestigious
22—Strong
23—Frolicsome
24—Dry stalk
25—Well-known Nevada
26—Combining form; within
27—Covered with mud
28—Edward
29—Owen
30—Open Promenade
31—Space
32—Hunting label
33—Run away
34—Sticks of metal deposited by buried streams
35—Tardy
36—Tropical plant or tree
37—Dash or ardor
38—Proportion (Latin)
39—Olfra's name
40—Dinalo



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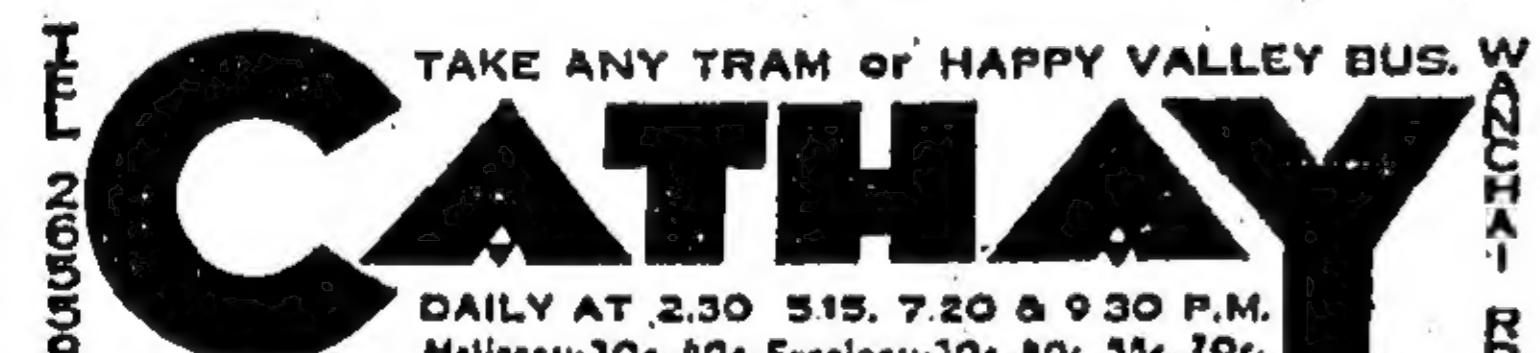
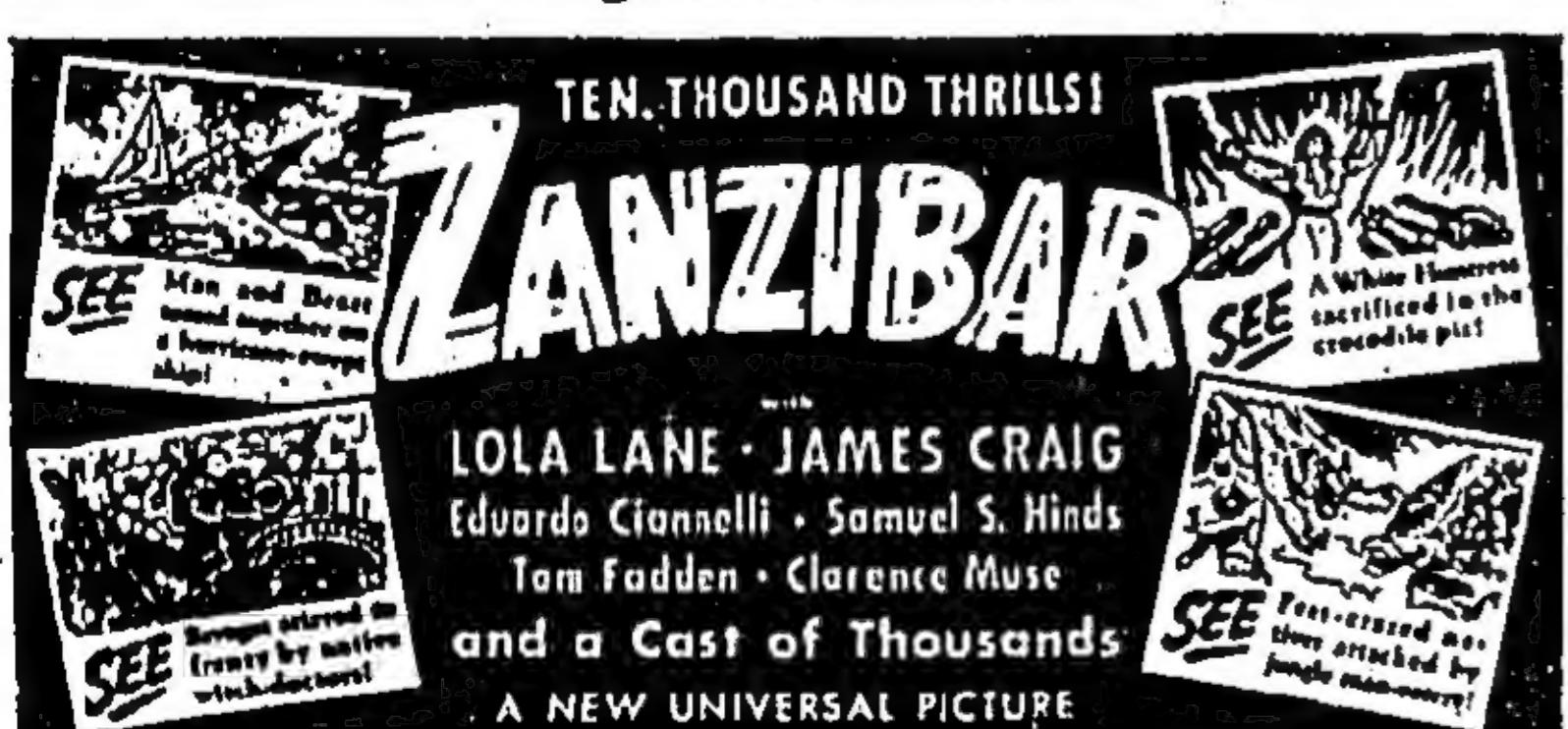


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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes, and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

Fairly Quiet Over Britain

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over the coastal districts, up to a late hour to-night. It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.

Thai Luncheon

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, Lady Rendlesham, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr and Mrs Ashley Clarke and Mr Henry Channon.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fumimaro Konoye is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoye as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive now under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hupeh, Honan, Shansi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appeared to have been stalemates, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switchover of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent., which lost two and a half points to 22½.

Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Among the textiles, cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 3 per cent. on preferred shares.

Wall Street was dull but steady.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

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French Complaint

BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington, M. Henry-Haye, has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

No Consultations

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

Proposal To House

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Philippines export control bill and sent it to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 65 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.

LETTERS

Import and Export Licence Puzzle

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph,
Sir.—There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we taxpayers?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamer when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to import such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of applications when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being incivil?

EASY MONEY.

Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

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the Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbaniyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Sollum, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished.

Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

Il Duce replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand—with admiration—and share your certainty for the future."

Miners' Strike Ended

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—As the result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coal-owners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended.

Railways Agitation

CHICAGO, May 19 (Reuter).—Labour agitation for wage increases has now spread to the railways.

Representatives of five big Railways' Unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced that they are seeking a 30 per cent. increase in wages and are launching a country-wide campaign.

Notice of the demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

MR R. G. MENZIES

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is returning to Australia to-day by air from the United States.

The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

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Tallulah Bankhead And Husband Part

Tallulah Bankhead, former West End actress and daughter of the late Senator Bankhead, has announced from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that she and her actor-husband, John Emery, have decided, "after long and conscientious thought," to separate.

They were married on August 31, 1937.

Japanese In Axis Intrigues

Leaflets on Damascus

LONDON, May 19 (Central News).—A sensational story of how Japan assists Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News Chronicle" by Gedye, well-known ex-*"Daily Telegraph"* correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbel's intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedye revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Alzhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asians" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, he alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic links wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

Workers Share In Wakefield Fortune

Lord Wakefield, who died in January, aged 81, left £770,220 (not personally £561,220). Estate Duty is £250,738.

In his will, Lord Wakefield, who was head of one of the biggest oil refinery businesses in the world, makes bequests to his staff.

To those of 10 years' service not included in any pension scheme he left one year's wages, and one month's wages to those of one year's service.

He also left £30,000 on trust for his adopted daughter Freda Ware and her children.

It is estimated that he gave more than £1,000,000 to charities during his life.

Navy Employs Witch Doctor

The Fleet Air Arm, at the cost of 4/- and two empty lemonade bottles, bought "Ju-Ju" from an African witch doctor, which successfully stopped mysterious thefts of wind socks used on an African airfield which they occupied.

The official report says: "The Ju-Ju consisted of a bunch of chickens feathers well soaked in chicken blood and held together by strips of snake skin. The witch doctor buried it at the foot of the wind sock to enable the curse of the Ju-Ju—a black snake—to emerge and attack any prospective thief. Before the installation of the Ju-Ju no wind sock ever remained in situ for more than 48 hours. After its application the wind sock was untouched."

£21,000 Hold-Up At Paris Bank

In a hold-up recently outside the Banque de France in the heart of Paris a gang of thieves got away with 3,700,000 francs (about £21,000 at pre-war rates).

Three bank messengers were taking the money in a handcart from the Credit Industrial et Commercial to the Bank in the narrow Rue des Victoires.

The bandits killed one of the messengers and wounded another.

As they could not open the handcart, they hitched it on to the back of their car and, firing in all directions, made a clean get-away, towing the handcart.

Bratza, Violinist, Married

Miss Margaret Mary Russell, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Russell, of Killowen, was married at Epsom recently to Mr M. Bratza Yvanovitch, better known as Bratza, the violinist.

The bride is an A.R.P. ambulance driver at Hendon, and the bridegroom an air raid warden at Mill Hill, where he lives with his mother.

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NAZI TROOPS REPORTED TO BE CONCENTRATED IN SPAIN AND MOROCCO

Special to the “Telegraph”

WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT

Ibn Saud's Help
Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Bagdad message.

Evacuation

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch from the Independent French Agency.

The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

Leaflets on Damascus

BEIRUT, May 19 (UPI).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus, and Delvezzor.

The British Consul General, Mr G. T. Havard is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul General at London. The Vice-Consuls at Beirut and Damascus are remaining.

Protective Measures

MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of “Alcazar” reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed “protective measures.”

Chinese Military Mission

SINGAPORE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking “fortified with a knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya,” declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast today.

The Mission has just completed a two weeks’ tour, during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

“We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world,” he concluded.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the “New York Times”. Ankara correspondent, Sulzburger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.

Sulzburger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany “would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East” and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

He also declared that twelve German divisions have been in Spain since November last, ready to act in Morocco when the time was auspicious, the move being dependent upon a French-Axis agreement.

The Marquis also asserted that in October, 1938, Spain agreed to enter the war but the plan was changed last September when Spain was instructed to remain neutral and to get everything possible from the United States and Britain.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.

When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship’s boats in which the sailors made signals with lights.

The officer was unable to identify the boats.

On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.

These reports were not substantiated.

China Seeks More Arms By Barter

CHUNGKING, May 15 (International).—It was revealed here that on the night of May 15, Dr H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr Alexander S. Panouchikine, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

Explosion On Junk Injures Many

An explosion occurred on a junk moored in Shaukiwan harbour last night causing injuries to seven or eight persons on board and one death. Several of the victims are in a serious condition.

It is believed that the junk arrived from Swatow, with stranded boat-people picked up en route.

The cause of the explosion is not stated.

Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist.

The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he “snail” send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

North Africa

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menisir and Birchletta were raided. Bengazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damacus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raiders were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Culata aerodrome on the Island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

GERMANS ROUTED IN DOG FIGHT

Great Work By Our Spitfires

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel to-day encountered ten Messerschmitt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with their ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmitts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and a third got one, states the Air Ministry.

Only one German had time to bail out, the others crashing into the sea in their machines.

“It was grand,” said one pilot, “but I could not stay long, for as soon as I had got my two, I saw about 25 other ‘Yellow Noses’ (Messerschmitts) coming at us and I had no more ammunition.”

Four Divisions Left

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—There are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimmu and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains, these may hold out until the end of the rains. On the other hand, when they receive news of the Duke of Aosta’s surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

In a few days, it is stated, military circles will be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South African, Indian, the Sudan Defence Force, patriot and British troops participated. The importance of the capture of the important road juncture of Dulli was stressed.

Escape Cut Off

The only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in TURN to Back Pago, Column 4

BOMBER FUND DONATION

The following donations to the Bomber Fund were received this morning: Mr and Mrs D. Drummond, \$1,000 (2nd donation); Mr J. K. Bousfield, \$500 (3rd); Mrs E. A. D. Green, \$200.

LATEST

KWANGTUNG OBJECTIVE

Spoils At Waichow And Poklo Sought

SHIUKWAN, May 19 (International).—A high staff officer returning from the East River front revealed that about 25,000 Japanese troops of the South China command are deployed in the present operations in Waichow and Poklo, which are now enveloped by Chinese forces preparatory to a counter-offensive.

The informant discounted the possibility of an enemy push to Shiukwan, believing that the present thrusts are intended largely to seize the heavy accumulation of goods at Waichow and Poklo awaiting export to the United States and Soviet Russia.

British Reach Cyprus From Greek Front

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—It is now possible to reveal that a party of Imperial troops who were the remnants of the historic rearguard at Mount Olympus, in rags, some of them ill and wounded, have reached the shores of Cyprus after the most astonishing escapes among the Greek Aegean islands.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds when Nazi planes, tanks and infantry in massed assaults tried to smash their line. One Anzac said: “The Germans came on the line like men possessed, determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies. One river, where we made a stand, was so choked with German bodies that you could walk across.

“Man for man, we were better than the Germans, but although our artillery was magnificent, we had not the swarms of tanks and planes which were the real secret of the German success.”

“When eventually the tanks broke their line, these men began to march to the coast. Their rations exhausted, without blankets and with most of their equipment discarded, day and night they trudged on.

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H.K. Stock Market

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H.K. Banks (H.K.) E	70 1/2
Chartered E	87 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B. E	23 3/4
Mercantile C. E	11 1/2
East Asia	71.00

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Steamboats	8.00
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Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/75.00
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POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Issued For Current Week

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. F. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, Stateless Chinese Company.

Appointments.—The undermentioned Police Reserve Constables have been appointed to the rank of Second Lieutenants from the rank of Sub-inspector on May 19, 1941:—(1) Young Po-kan (11132) Lam Shiu-so, (11133) Leong Wing-cheong, (11143) Lau Cheuk-kai, (11144) Wai Pin-sing, (11145) Lo Yuen-shing, (11146) Wong Yip-tung, (11147) Philip Tam Pak-hing, (11148) Seah Cheow-hong, (11149) Lam Hon-wai and (11150) Edward Joseph Lee.

Leave—Sub-Inspector (H.K.) Luk-on has been granted leave of absence from May 15 to 31, 1941.

During the absence on leave of Sub-Inspector (H.K.) Luk-on, Acting Sub-Inspector (H.K.) Luk-on will be Acting Officer in Charge of "B" Company until further orders.

Training Course—Part I.—Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instruction on Wednesday, May 21, at 17.15 hours sharp at Murray Barracks Parade Ground, Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company—All ranks of the Indian Company will be present on Wednesday, May 21, for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander, A. and B. Companies will fall in at Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp in Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brass Whistle & Chain and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Notes. Officer to be commanding and Adjutant Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II.—Those detailed will attend Reserve Headquarters for instruction on Wednesday, May 21, at 17.15 hours sharp at Murray Barracks Parade Ground, Dress—Khaki Uniform.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian Serenaders.

2.15 Close Down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

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7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Variety.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World"

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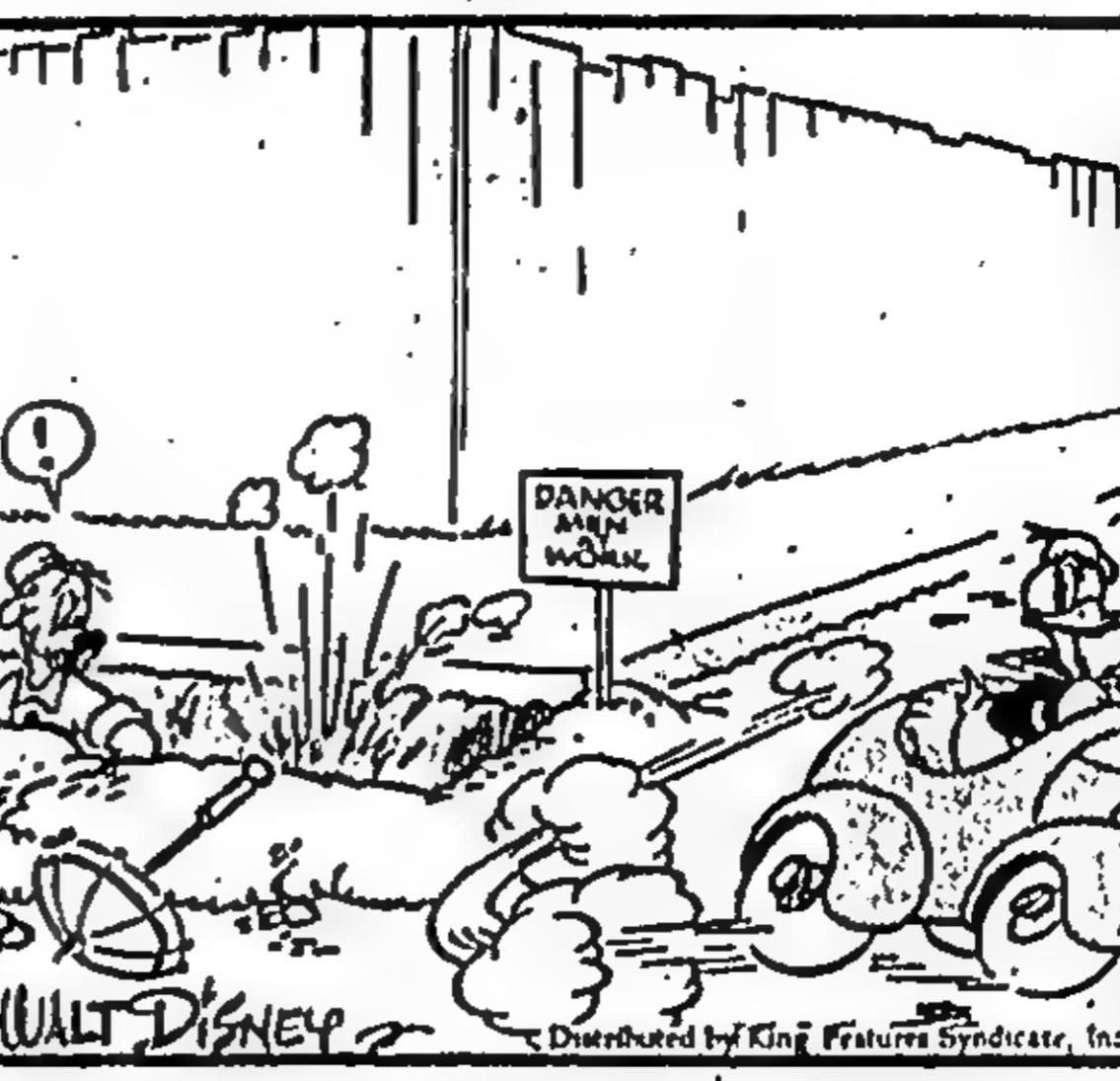
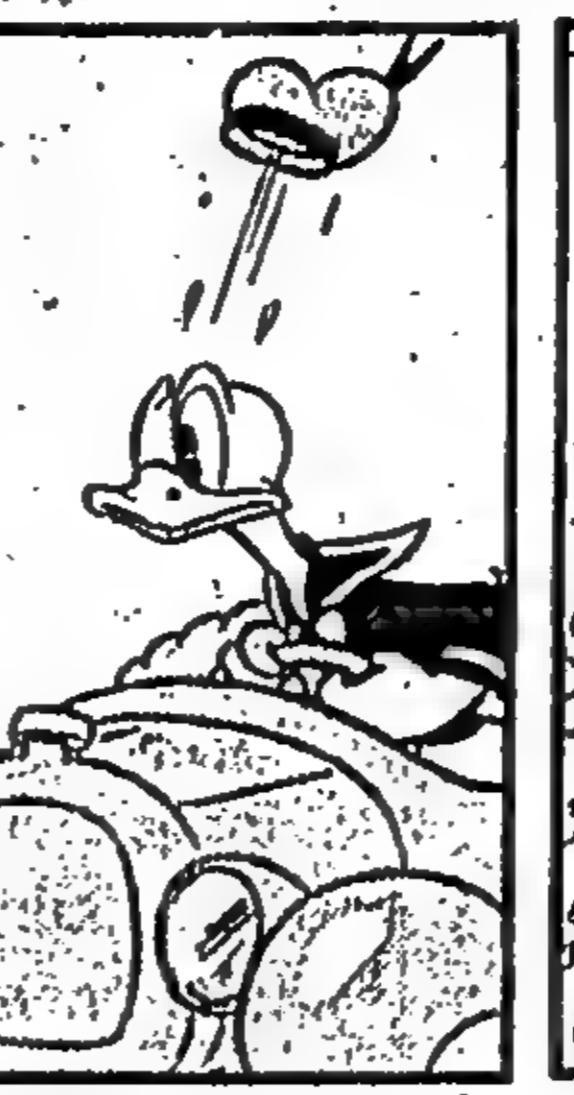
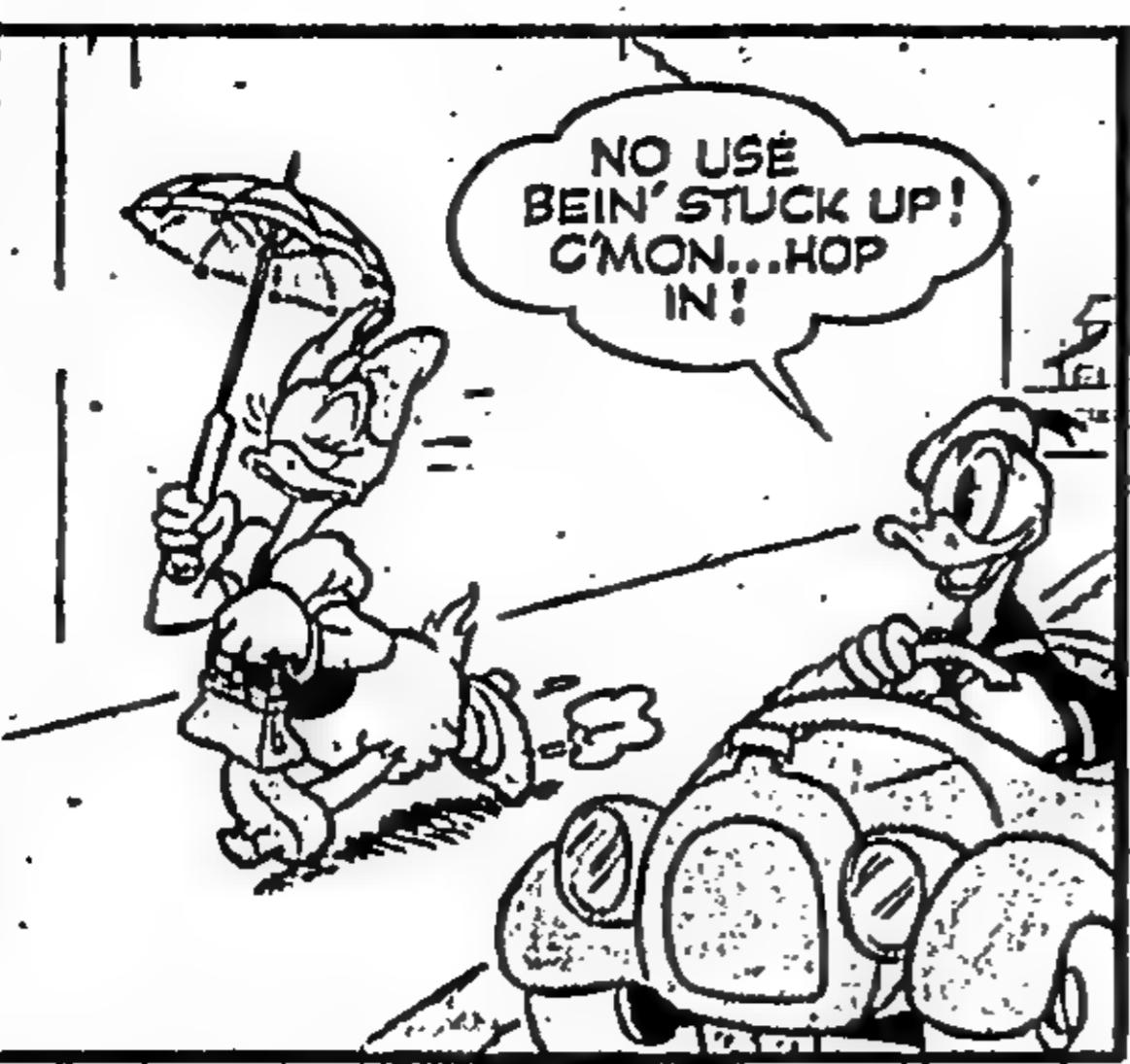
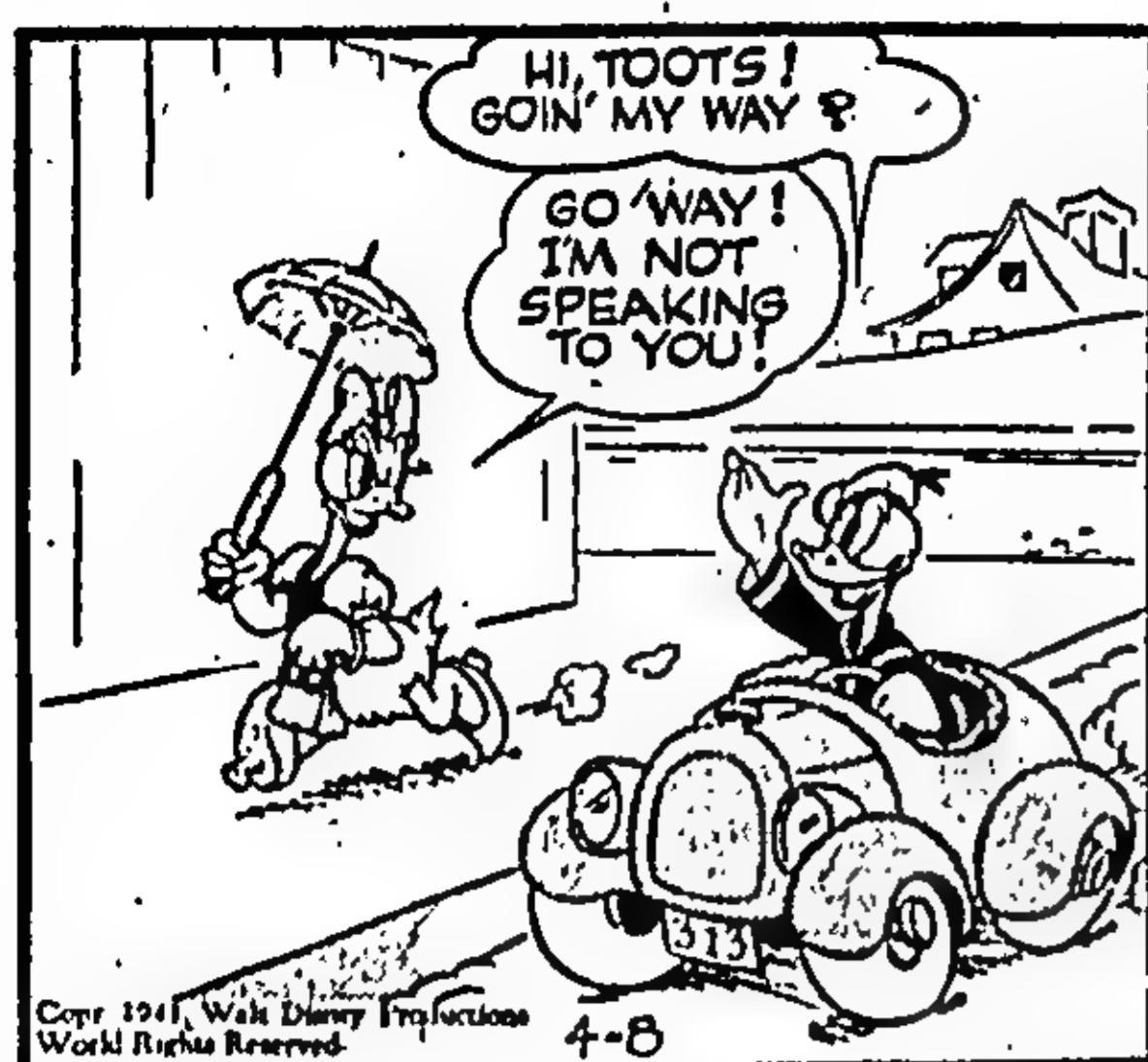
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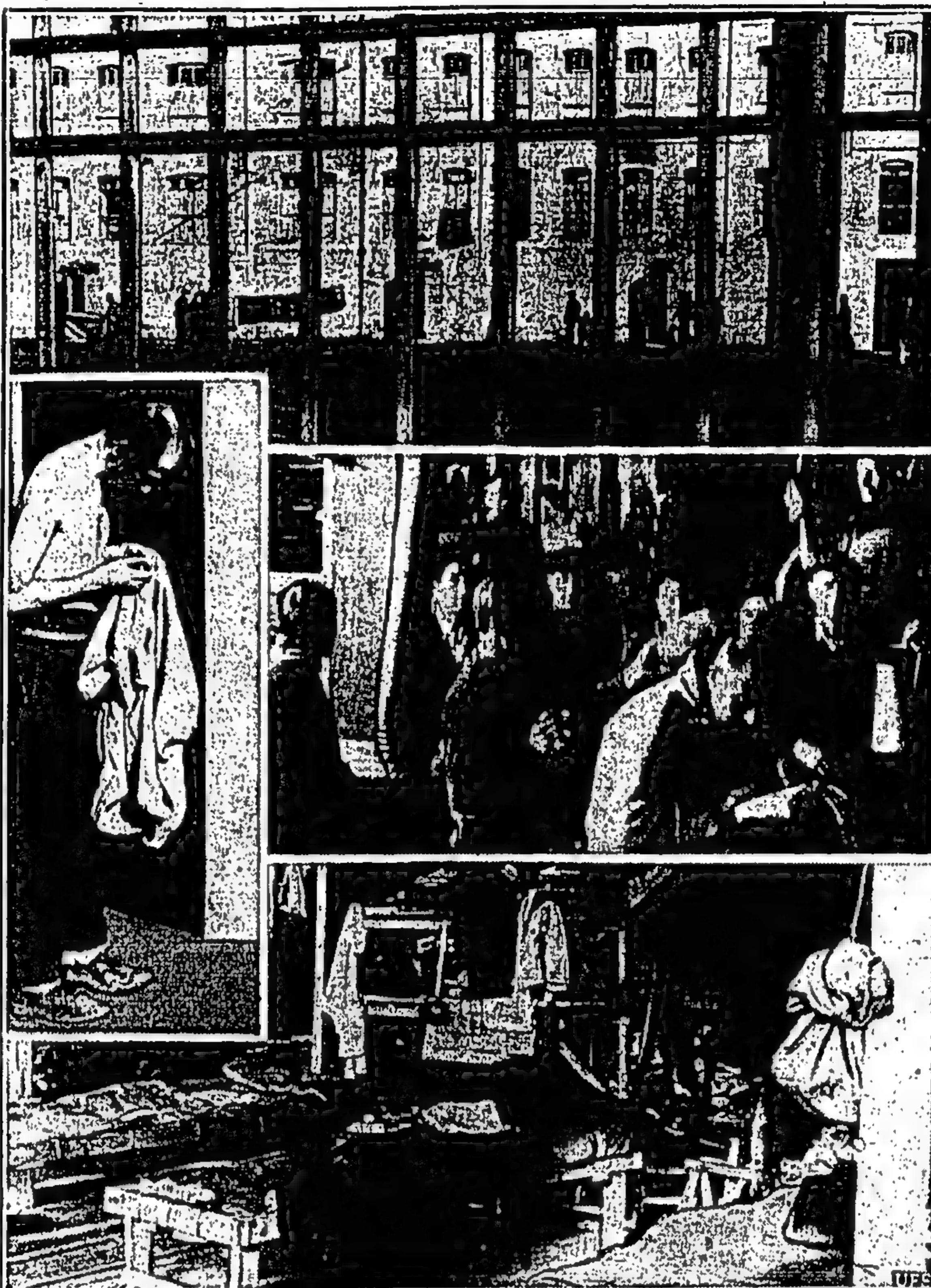
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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half a dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defense. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

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To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany.

Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war. We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become leaders again in Europe."

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war.

Petain and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences. The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after Franco fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power with the

French that he became a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

strangle what is left of Unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation.

"The line of demarcation between occupied and unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation.

French refugees—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovakians, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseille. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building.

Left, a refugee "reads his shirt" for parasites. Right, Russians huddle about a small wood-burning stove while bread and soup are served. Bottom, wooden bunks for men in German refugee quarters. Each group is assigned a leader who is responsible for persons in his charge. Future appears dark for them.

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 125 to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 43½.

This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and whenever the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyses business and hits the people in their pocketbooks. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are new signs scrawled in chalk on the walls: "Vive De Gaulle!"—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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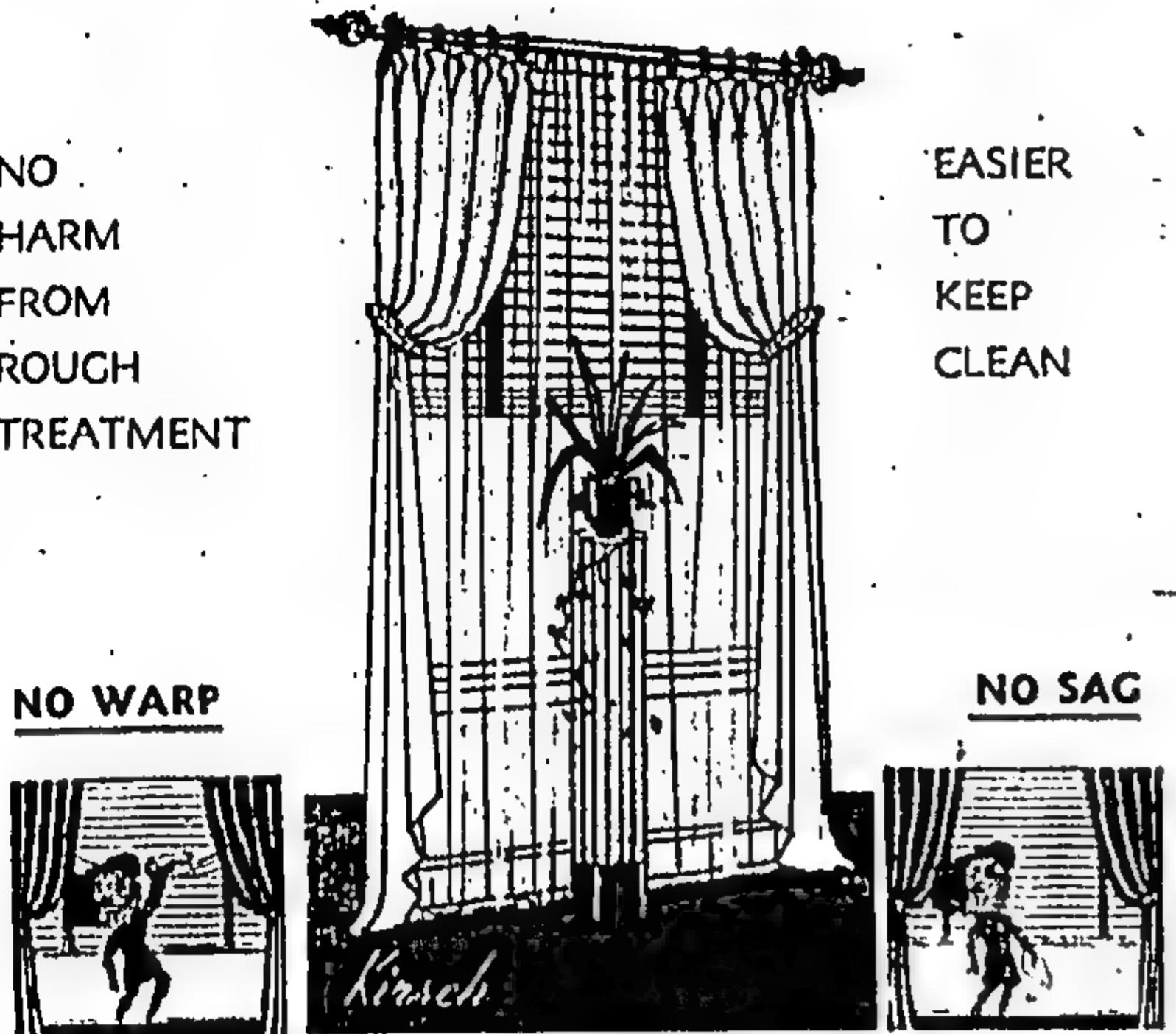
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BALANCE SHEET

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first wars, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the northeast because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle.

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and Geneva as in the Foreign geographical remoteness or other indomitable faith in the Offices they had left behind considerations. Then he goes on to say:

"I believe all these defects would be leavened if there were, instead, the framework of the League, a confederation or confederations of geographically related Powers with appropriate

But that it will be so for a confederated organs.

Shall we witness a joyful very long time in the years return to the great palace after this war is sure. The most obviously necessary at Geneva when the struggle is over and the world as one of the humbler members of the League who would be needed to European Confederation, the central object of

make its new start?—Will toes of any future Leaguecept the principle that aggression is the nations write off as a sorrowful hints on his too victims of it in Europe.

Will they try again on new of political reform and that Confederation would not be subject to the control of any other international Diplomacy and the dynastic ambitions of Kings.

Such questions may seem vain to many when our one immediate concern is to beat the enemy. Yet some of the best brains should be thinking ahead in view of eventual Peace Conference least important decisions should have to be taken without adequate consideration.

Europe is certain to be extremely war-weary when the last shot is fired—victors as well as vanquished. It was so in 1918. War-weariness does not conduce to sound constructive thought.

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The Dominion statesmen especially if she maintains her were asked to make it the sheet rule of any Imperial legislature Pacific. These two Powers, in and the eleventh hour was well advanced before the National Few can have been better would each have only a minority attitude. Till the state of the Government began to grow acquainted with what went fine on paper, but it would not known all is guess-work.

He attended the birth therefore, that Great Britain, or may be catastrophic; and many, of the League at Versailles the United States, or France, or like Viscount Cecil, are demand

adopted the child as his son under which it might find itself committed to war, or to it down" and easy to hold up the foremost part in many of its triumphs and some of its by a combination of other policy for Europe. But the idea

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on one of their number" to a "But it ought to be greatly modified greater persuasiveness and weight.

If Viscount Cecil had addressed himself more to a clear exposition of his "conclusions" than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical junctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

Let a single example serve. After stating and rejecting the excuses made for the lamentable handling by the British Government of Italy's aggression against Abyssinia, the author says:

"Not the febleness of the action from the start and the subsequent abandonment of resistance to aggression were not due to any reasonable fear of the consequences to us and to France of League action against Italy. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorous in France and actually dominant, especially in Britain, that to guard prevention, we would use force if necessary as our highest interest and duty was a piece of visionary nonsense, and that nothing of the kind should be attempted unless some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

That is too bitter. The truth would seem to be that as the international situation worsened, faith in the efficacy, if not in the doctrine, of collective security dwindled fast. The determination of most nations to keep out of the League of Nations was strengthened, he utterly scorns the idea of appendix to the book. He there whatever politicians might say about the basic insists that whatever territorial on public platforms people were coming to the conclusion that principle of the Covenant—the and financial arrangements are prevention of war and collective made the two vital problems to unless some vital interest of security against the aggressor, be solved must be the Main- their country was directly He assumes that there must be tenance of Future Peace and threatened prudence counselled to keep clear of the threatening storm.

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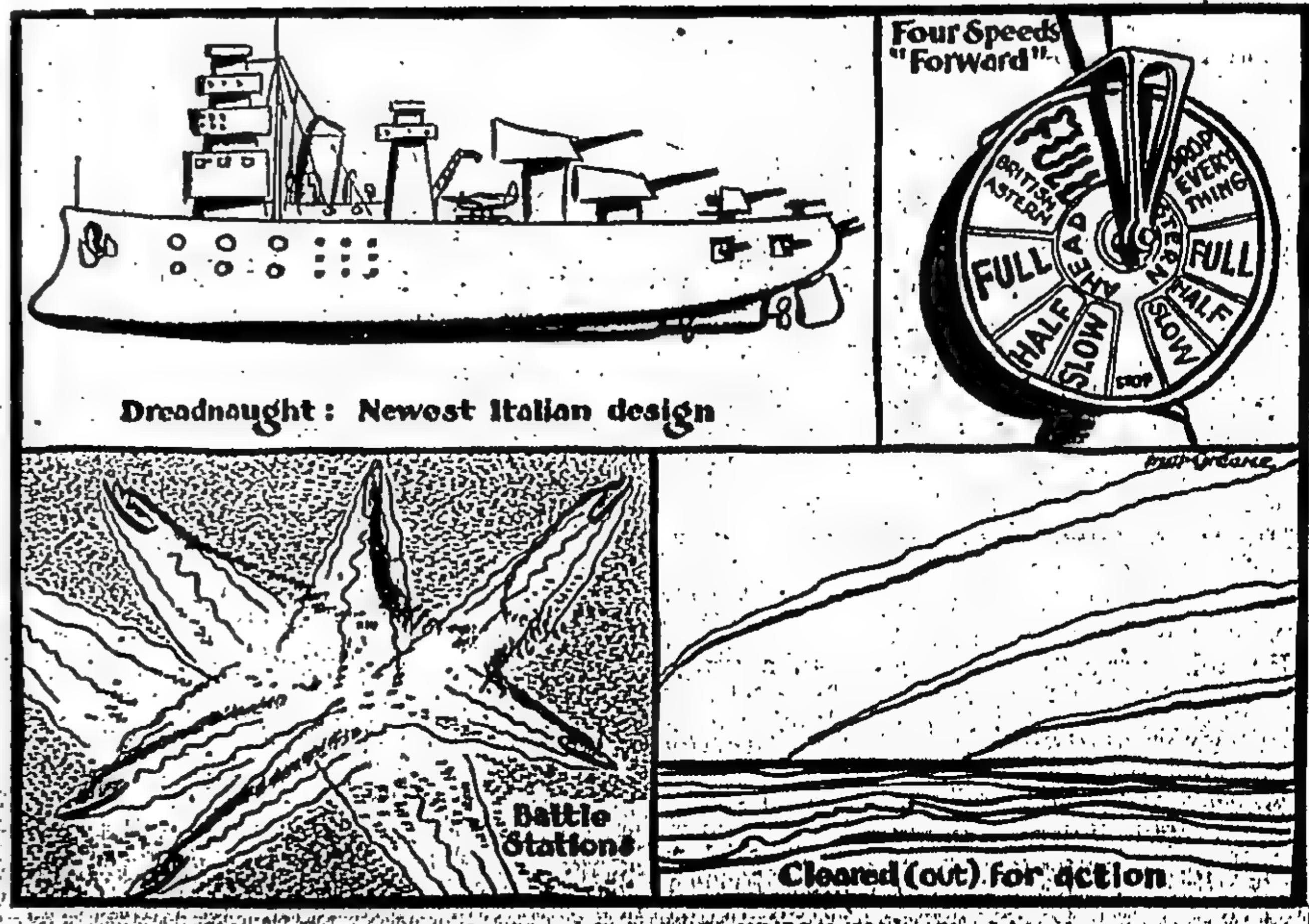
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WITH THE ITALIAN FLEET



Cartoon by Matt Greenleaf, "P.M." (New York)

Lord Gort's Visit To Algeciras

GIBRALTAR, May 19 (Reuters)—General Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish Military Governor of Algeciras this morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea.

It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28.

Meiji University Baseballers To Visit Hawaii

TOKYO, May 19 (Domei)—Meiji University's baseball team, which was last year's champion among Tokyo's six big universities, will leave on June 19 aboard the Yashima Maru for Hawaii where it will play eight to ten games with the teams of the Hawaiian Baseball League.

The Meiji team which has been invited by the Hawaii Asahi Club will be headed by Manager Ryozo Akagami, Coach Umeo Tanizawa and 18 players.

The Meiji players will remain in Hawaii Islands for a fortnight and will return to Japan on August 15 aboard the Asama Maru.

Rifle Shooting

First Time Since 1914-18

The Hongkong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday.

As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a Service rifle since 1914-18, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was decided when Mr Langston and Mr Roscoe shot it out, and the result was no overwhelming victory for the latter.

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Libyan Border Fighting

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuters)—Dealing with the German army from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

The German attempt with two columns to force "Hellfire Pass" was unsuccessful and the Germans again have to recuperate from their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.



AT PRAYER—Despite bombarded walls and debris, this group gathered in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral for prayer on Good Friday. A cross of charred wood stands over an improvised altar in the roofless building. The Archdeacon said: "If you know God loves you, you can stand up to anything."

Blitzed Publishers' Scheme Of Co-operative Book Distribution

A co-operative experiment in book distribution, the greatest venture of its kind the book trade of Great Britain ever knew, has arisen from the ashes of Nazi-devastated Paternoster Row and its environs—for centuries the heart of Britain's book trade.

When Paternoster Row, a long, narrow, dark street off Saint Paul's Churchyard, was fired by Nazi bombers in the London holocaust of Dec. 29, more than 6,000,000 volumes were destroyed, among them many priceless and irreplaceable treasures.

The offices and warehouses of nearly a dozen well-known publishers were either totally destroyed or seriously damaged, and in this toll of literary havoc, Simpkin Marshall, wholesale book distributors of Stationers' Hall Court near by, lost every item in their stock of 2,500,000 volumes, together with their unique catalogues comprising a record of books published in England for more than 100 years past.

Yet before the ashes cooled, the essentials of a co-operative scheme for carrying on business had been worked out by the Publishers' Association which undertook to run Simpkins as a distributive agent for the whole trade.

Messrs Longmans Green and Co., publishers since 1724, who had their City and Southwark warehouses both destroyed on the same night, next day carried on the publishing traditions of 200 years, in a small office in Surrey. A dozen or so titles of books for sale, had taken the place of the 6,000 they had had the day before.

Old Firms Hard Hit

Other publishers whose premises were ravaged include William Blackwood and Sons, established in Edinburgh in 1814 and operating a London branch since 1840. They published George Elliot's "Adam Bede" in 1859.

Messrs Collins lost their office in Bridewell Place, but most of their stock was held in Glasgow. The offices of Hutchinson, largest firm of publishers in the world, were completely gutted. Their stock, however, was safe. They now have new

siderable export business. Crates bearing their name took British culture and scholarship to the remotest sections of the world.

Messrs W. H. Smith and Son, wholesale book distributors themselves, have given practical assistance in getting Simpkins' distributive machinery working again.

The name, the business, the goodwill, the vans, all that was left, were taken over and the work of distribution was carried on from Book Centre Limited, subsidiary concern of Messrs Pitman.

Vital Link in Trade

Simpkin Marshall have long been a vital connecting link between publisher and retail bookseller. Their aim in the past has been to have every book in stock, or to know how to procure it quickly, so that when the man-in-the-street walked into a bookshop anywhere and asked for what might be an obscure title, the bookseller put it on his daily order form, and Simpkins, from their stocks and records looked it out and supplied it.

About ten per cent of the books sold by British publishers went through Simpkins' records. The firm had also developed a con-

nection with the publishing industry, particularly with the printing and publishing of Spring Lists has gone ahead, and reprints of the works with a known ready sale have been rushed through.

WINDOW OF 1449

One of the oldest church windows in the country—at East Harling, Norfolk parish church—is to be removed to a safe place as a precaution against air raid damage. The window dates from 1449. When fears were felt for its safety in 1860, it was stored and forgotten for 242 years when it was replaced.

HOSPITAL WEEK

In the hospital window

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Spring Training Nears Its End

M. el Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lasses took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took a one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marques' Standard Oilmen with a 14-10 win over the Oil "senors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fracas.

STAGING a tremendous run-swinging uprising against the weak-willed Engineers, manager Dave Usher's mighty Tulsa diamond ladies played "scorched earth" ball to crash home with a colossal 25 run merrily-go-round. Uncle Sam's new dealers took a ball busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Sapper Raddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Paced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germondo's circuit labelled clout in the 9th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundsman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "covered up" hooks, to limit the Hamelin hoosiers to a solitary bingle—a slow roller between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Raddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hilltop in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-shagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad mis-cues in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamen from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

The beermen opened up with a bang in the initial stanza, and pushed across three markers on a

wild throw, a classic bunt and a tantalizing single over third by Dave "the old desperado" Leonard. The Yankee tars crashed across three tallies in the first of the 2nd, in a big move to force through with the coveted lead; but the beer kings sewed up the old ball game in the 3rd stanza with another three run outburst as Showboat All scored on Dave Leonard's bingle to left, with the old bum salting across the platter moments later behind Tony Alves on Stan Leonard's slashing single over second.

The losers came in with their final tally in the 4th, when Germondo's timely bingle over first drove in "Texas" Quinn. The boozers added a three run "confidence" spree in their half of the 4th when Obern Arculli, George Sousa and Hank Ali flashed over the plate in good measure tallies.

The mighty T pulled off a screw-ball double play in the 4th with the bases loaded, when beerman Baby Abbott in ducking from one of MacLanahan's fast balls, unintentionally hit a "back side" slow roller to Tulsa's slabster who started an easy double killing via McLanahan to Red Simmons to Gerry Germondo.

Madeen Arculli, H.B. brewery's premier moundsman, in his first appearance of the year, dished up a masterful hurling performance. In holding the dangerous Tulsa man to seven scattered bingles and striking out six.

THE Truelight scholars came through with their second straight win, taking an 8-5 triumph from Dixie Walker's abbreviated Cardinals.

The winners took a run lead in the 2nd frame on a double and single by Ellen Ling and Lal Bik-wong, but the Cards came back in the 3rd frame to even up as June Hall and Betty Clarke crossed the bouncing platter. The Redbirds went into a one run lead in the opening of the 4th, but the schoolgirls returned in their half of the inning with a three run spurge on successive singles by Chee Yuen-ching and Rosie Lau, and a terrific homer to deep centre by the starry Margery.

Walker's winsome maidens tied up the game in the 5th, but another three run spree which climaxed with a circuit clout by outfielder Wun May-yuk in the 6th frame put the game on ice for the schoolgirls.

Hurler Dolly Brown, toiling the slab for the first time in a Cardinal uniform, had plenty of smoke oozing out from her speed balls and with a little more experience will be a top flight hurler out there next season.

Student Margery Woo glimmered again behind the plate with her rapid-fire throws to second and her powerful clutch clubbing, which just about stamps her as one of the Colony's standout softballettes and a real find of the year.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes went one up on Eddie Marques' Standard Oilmen with a 14-10 picnic triumph at the softball fairways by the sea.

Going into the 4th inning on the short end of an 8-5 score, the lasses gathered together nine stinging tallies in the next three frames to come through with their "one up" win.

Base umpire Gerry "who dat man" Germondo showed the gas-house mob a few neat ones in calling them out, there by the initial sack, and certainly added plenty of lustre in this females vs. hommes classic.

Swimming appeared on the programme after the battle and a light lunch was served by the Canuckettes to end the real Sunday afternoon picnic outing.

Baseball dandies are reminded that an important meeting of the league will be held in the Texaco offices, Adas Life Bldg., at 8 P.M., railway time, this evening.

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Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry, Tulsa—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the plinches to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Madeen Arculli, H.B. Beer—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singlers to drive in three runs; latter hurled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Wun May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batless attack, latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Carl threat.

Mary Ng and Mavis Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tosssing game in subduing the Oiler slugging threat; petite Mavis covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whizzing around in whippet fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Trounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP)—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win to-day, beating Brooklyn Dodgers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	1	4	2
Batteries: Casey, Brown, Hamlin			
Tigers: Owen, McElroy, Moore			
Chicago	14	14	2
Batteries: Pascau, McCullough, George			
New York	1	4	0
Batteries: Huihui, Danning			
Pittsburgh	2	6	1
Batteries: Butcher, Lopez			
Boston	3	0	4
Batteries: Salvo, Berres, Gramp			
Cincinnati	7	14	3
Batteries: Vandermeer, Berger, Lombardi			

Entries will be received by Mr Tam Sik Pooh, China Ink & Lacquer Co., Ltd., Shell House.

Programme

The programme is: Long Jump, B Grade 50-metres, A Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.

Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), A Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.

Tug of War (Old Boys v. Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v. Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

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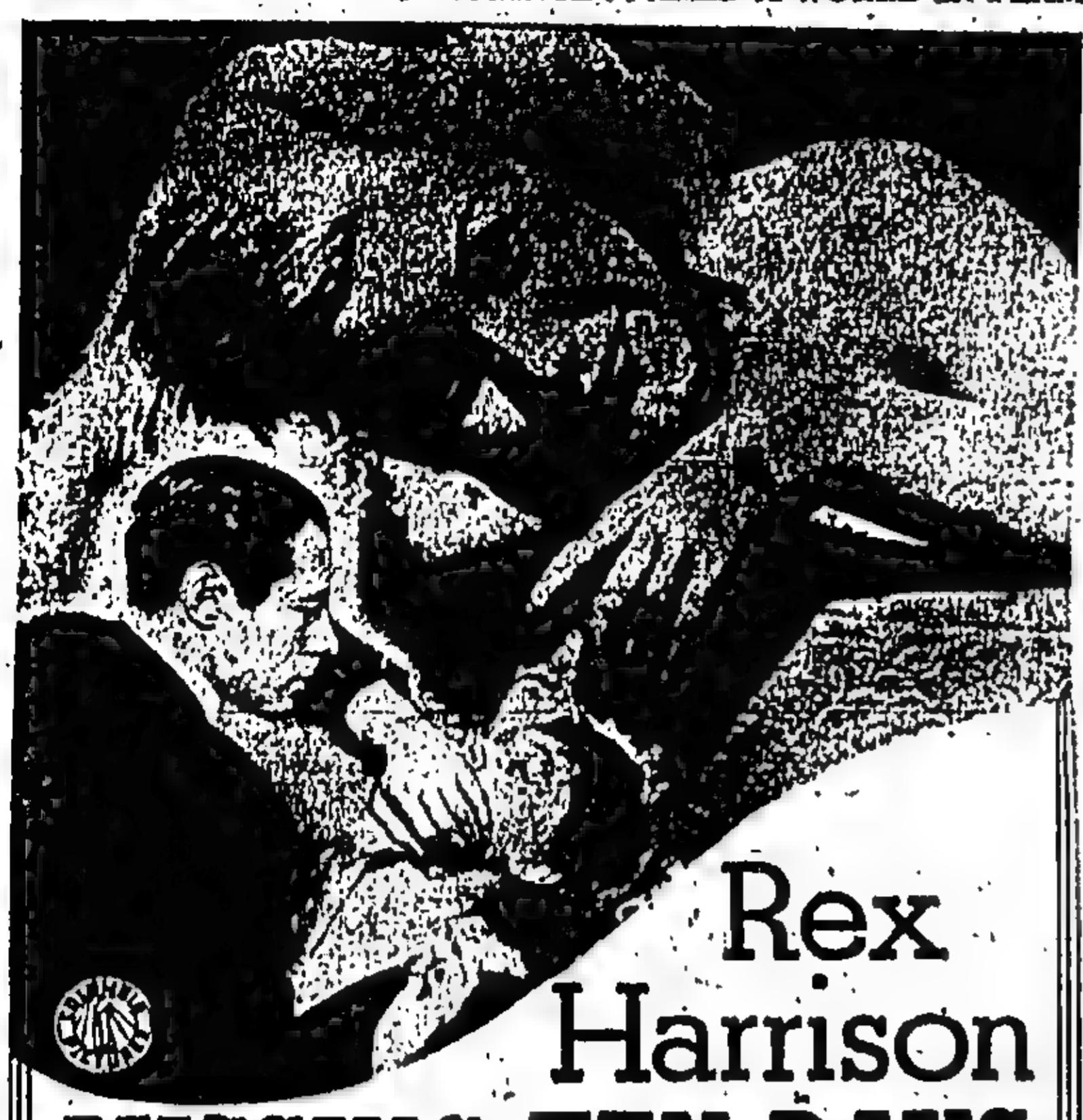
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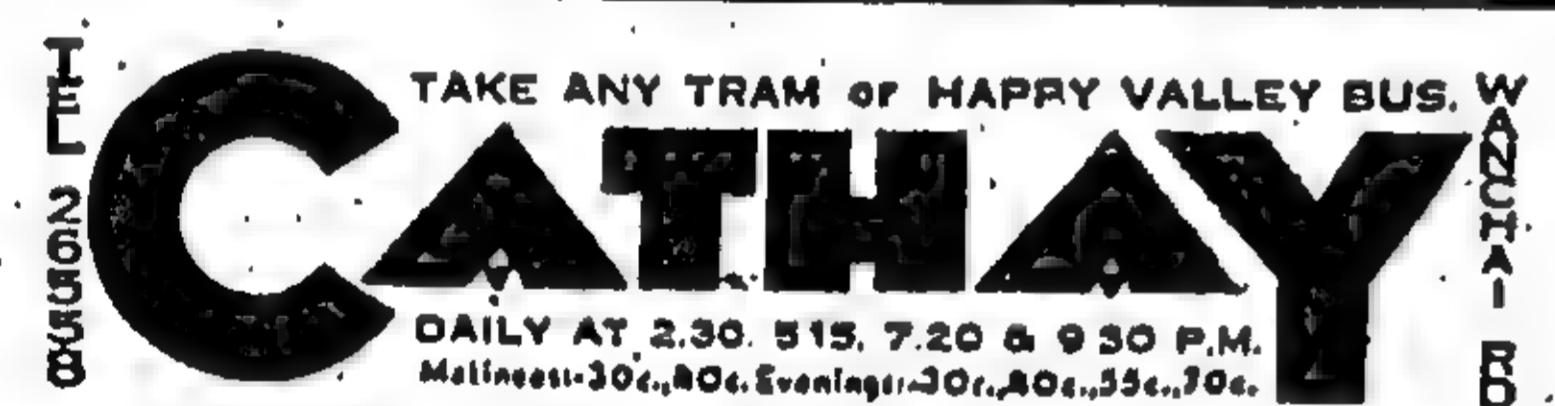
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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr. Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

Fairly Quiet Over Britain

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over the coastal districts, up to late hour to-night. It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.

Thai Luncheon

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given to-day by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Henry Channon.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fumimaro Konoye is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoye as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive now under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hunan, Shansi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appeared to have been stalemates, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switch-over of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent, which lost two and a half points to 22½.

Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Among the textiles, cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 5 per cent on preferred shares. Wall Street was dull but steady.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Representative Francis Case introduced a bill before the House to-day authorising the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, also planes and cargoes as France wants to sell. The cost would come from the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund.

French Complaint

BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington, M. Henry-Haye, has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

No Consultations

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuters).—Mr. Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

Proposal To House

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuters).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

BILL-PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Philippines export control bill and sent it to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuters).—The House of Representatives has passed and transmitted to the Senate Bill authorising the construction of about 58 naval auxiliaries totalling \$50,000,000 at an estimated cost of \$80,000,000.

LETTERS

*Import and Export Licence
Puzzle*

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day?

Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamer when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to import such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence. Form to be made within 7 days from the date of applications when they do not return some till 14 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being inclusiv?

EASY MONEY.

Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

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the Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bushwhacking, to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuters).—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Hubbaniyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Sollum, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio:

"I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished.

Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

If Duce replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future."

Miners' Strike Ended

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuters).—As the result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between the coal-owners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended.

Railways Agitation

CHICAGO, May 19 (Reuters).—Labour agitation for wage increases has now spread to the railways.

Representatives of five big Railmen's Unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced that they are seeking a 30 per cent. increase in wages and are launching a nationwide campaign.

Notice of the demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

MR. R. G. MENZIES

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is returning to Australia to-day by air from the United States.

Sikorski Returns

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters).—General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, returned to England to-day, having flown across the Atlantic in an American bomber piloted by Canadian officers and landing in Scotland.

He will call on Mr. Winston Churchill.

More Mobilization

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day called into active service eight more National Guard aviation squadrons, as well as infantry and coast artillery battalions.

Tallulah Bankhead And Husband Part

Tallulah Bankhead, former West End actress and daughter of the late Senator Bankhead, has announced from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that she and her actor-husband, John Emery, have decided "after long and conscientious thought," to separate.

They were married on August 31, 1937.

Japanese In Axis Intrigues

Leaflets on Damascus

LONDON, May 19 (Central News).—A sensational story of how Japan assists Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News Chronicle" by Gedye, well-known ex-Daily Telegraph correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbel's intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedye revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Axis" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, Gedye alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

Workers Share In Wakefield Fortune

Lord Wakefield, who died in January, aged 81, left £770,220 (net personality £501,220), Estate Duty £250,738.

In his will, Lord Wakefield, who was head of one of the biggest oil refinery businesses in the world, makes bequests to his staff.

To those of 10 years' service not included in any pension scheme he left one year's wages, and one month's wages to those of one year's service.

He also left £30,000 on trust for his adopted daughter Freda Ware and her children.

It is estimated that he gave more than £1,000,000 to charities during his life.

Navy Employs Witch Doctor

The Fleet Air Arm, at the cost of 4/- and two empty lemonade bottles, bought "Ju-Ju" from an African witch doctor, which successfully stopped mysterious thefts of wind socks used on an African airfield which they occupied.

The official report says: "The Ju-Ju consisted of a bunch of chickens feathers well soaked in chicken blood and held together by strips of snake skin. The witch doctor buried it at the foot of the wind sock to enable the curse of the Ju-Ju—a black snake—to emerge and attack any prospective thief. Before the installation of the Ju-Ju no wind sock ever remained in situ for more than 48 hours. After its application the wind sock was untouched."

£21,000 Hold-Up At Paris Bank

In a hold-up recently outside the Banque de France in the heart of Paris a gang of thieves got away with 3,700,000 francs (about £21,000 at pre-war rates).

Three bank messengers were taking the money in a handcart from the Credit Industrial et Commercial to the Bank in the narrow Rue des Victoires.

The bandits killed one of the messengers and wounded another.

As they could not open the handcart they hitched it on to the back of their car and, firing in all directions, made a clean get-away, towing the handcart.

Bratza, Violinist, Married

Miss Margaret Mary Russell, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Russell, recently to Mr. M. Bratza Ivanovitch, better known as Bratza, the violinist.

The bride is an A.R.P. ambulance driver at Hendon, and the bridegroom an air raid warden at Mill Hill, where he lives with his mother.

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NAZI TROOPS REPORTED TO BE CONCENTRATED IN SPAIN AND MOROCCO

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT

Ibn Saud's Help Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message.

Evacuation

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

Leaflets on Damascus

BEIRUT, May 19 (UP).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus and Deltezzor. The British Consul General, Mr. G. T. Havard, is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul General at London. The Vice-Consuls—at Beirut—and Damascus are remaining.

Protective Measures

MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

Berlin Story

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—Authorised German quarters to-day declared that it is "not only possible, but probable" that the French will take "defensive measures" against the British attacks on Syria; however, it was added, perhaps it would be too strong to describe these as counter-measures.

It was stated that a communiqué could be expected to-morrow regarding the new Franco-German agreement. They claimed they had no knowledge regarding reports that the agreement provides that Paris be placed outside the occupied zone, adding, "there is no reason to believe that the change in the seat of the French Government had played any part in the agreement."

BOMBER FUND DONATION

The following donations to the Bomber Fund were received this morning: Mr and Mrs D. Drummond, \$1,000 (2nd donation); Mr J. K. Bousfield, \$500 (3rd); Mrs E. A. D. Green, \$200.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the "New York Times" Ankara correspondent, Sulzburger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.

Sulzburger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East" and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.

When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which the sailors made signals with lights.

The officer was unable to identify the boats.

On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered an SOS from the German freighter Lech, addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by the British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.

These reports were not substantiated.

JAPAN'S CHINA POLICY

No Change, Claimed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, May 20 (UP).—The ultra-nationalistic newspaper "Kokumin Shimbun" inserted to-day that whatever situation Japan might face, the Japanese army was determined to continue efficient military operations in order to crush Chungking's resistance, as a short-cut to settlement of the China affair.

Owing to indications that considerable difficulties were ahead in effecting such a settlement, the paper declared that certain rumours, having a "twisted interpretation" of Mr. Honda's talks, were being circulated so as to mislead the public as if a change had been made in Japan's fundamental policy, which the "Kokumin" reiterated is imminently to develop the Nanking Government to rule her."

He also declared that twelve German divisions have been in Spain since November last, ready to act in Morocco when the time was auspicious, the move being dependent upon a French-Axis agreement.

The Marquis also asserted that in October, 1938, Spain agreed to enter the war but the plan was changed last September when Spain was instructed to remain neutral and to get everything possible from the United States and Britain.

Thereafter, Germany "peacefully" invaded Spain and put military forces in the Canary Islands and Spain's African possessions.

The Marquis d'Aguiar stated that he had advised the State Department that he had been informed that Germany now represented any Spanish Consulate or Legation in the Americas, and that this move had been taken for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism.

Frenchmen Asked To Fight On

General De Gaulle And The Empire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, May 19 (UP).—General De Gaulle's Headquarters to-day issued a seven-point statement, laying down the Free French attitude on the Vichy-German agreements. "In anticipation of repercussions the agreements may have in the interests of France and the attitude adopted toward her by other States."

The most important section in the seventh point states that General De Gaulle's Council of defense of the French empire declares:

(1) France cannot and must not be held responsible for facts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped their power and their own accord subjected themselves to the enemy;

(2) The French nation, continuing the war by means of all her military forces in territories outside the control of the enemy, should therefore still be recognised as a belligerent nation. The French nation is not at present, and will not in future, recognise any infringements of her territorial rights committed by any State in the world owing to taking advantage of a situation in which she was placed by her enemies and usurpers, acting under the enemy who claims to rule her."

LATEST

SHAI BROKER SHOT DEAD

SHANGHAI, May 20 (Reuter).—The business centre of the International Settlement was thrown into an uproar at 1.45 p.m. to-day when Zou Ka-ku, a member of the Nanking-sponsored gold bar exchange was shot dead by a lone gunman who fired five shots.

Zou was hit in the head and died instantly but the gunman was caught by the police. Many foreigners and Chinese going to the office had narrow escapes.

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Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist.

The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he "might" send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles. British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

North Africa

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menelir and Birchletta were raided. Bengazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calata aerodrome on the Island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

GERMANS ROUTED IN DOG FIGHT

Great Work By Our Spitfires

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel to-day encountered ten Messerschmitt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with their ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmitts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and a third got one, states the Air Ministry.

Although the Germans boast of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have been conveyed by air the heavy tanks such as appeared in Cirennia. It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance.

Four Divisions Left

CARIO, May 19 (Reuter).—There are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains, these may hold out until the end of the rains.

On the other hand, when they receive news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

In a few days, it is stated, military circles will be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South African, Indian, and Sudan Defence Force, patriot and British troops participated. The importance of the capture of the important road juncture of Dalle was stressed.

Escape Cut Off

The only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in

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INDO-CHINA AND AXIS

Warning By U. S.

TOKYO, May 20 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Yomiuri," to-day gives prominence to a Japanese dispatch from Hanoi alleging that the United States has warned the Indo-China Government that if Indo-China moves into closer relations with the Axis Powers, the United States would take retaliatory measures.

The dispatch adds that the warning came just at the time when the Vichy Government had agreed on closer collaboration with Germany.

The Indo-China Government are reported to be shortly replying to the United States.

U.S. Planes To Carry Water To British Troops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—American transport planes are being converted into "flying water tanks" to rush fresh water to the Empire's thinly scattered troops in the Near East and North Africa. It is understood that the British need 50 such commercial planes.

It is recalled that Mr. Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Administration recently purchased between 20 and 30 five-cabin planes and 14 passenger Douglas planes.

Meanwhile, it is disclosed that a number of these have already been delivered during May and are now ferrying water, after being reported to be going to South America, thence to Cairo.

Thailand Protests Rumours Coming From Japan

BANGKOK, May 20 (Reuter).—The British Legation has categorically denied the Tokyo radio broadcast that British firms in Thailand, including the British-owned tin-mines, have closed down.

The Thai Government have officially contradicted another Tokyo radio assertion that the British authorities in Bangkok have protested to the Thai Government against the report of a Thai-Russian agreement—exchange of Thai ore and rubber for Russian oil.

Mr. Rockefeller, addressing the world trade luncheon, featuring the social observance of National Foreign Trade Week, advocated that foreign trade officials of the United States should firstly, replace all agents engaged in anti-American activity; secondly, to increase purchases from Latin America; thirdly, to maintain adequate shipping in Inter-American

trade, and fourthly, to supply essential manufactured goods to other American Republics.

Deliveries to Britain

He reiterated the previous advocacy of Administration officials regarding methods to insure delivery of defence goods to Britain and the

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Britain Must & Will Receive The Goods

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—A four-point programme for aiding hemispheric defence through foreign trade policies was advocated to-day by the Administration's spokesman, Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller, co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American Republics.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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Chartered £	87 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	234 n.
Mercantile, C. £	114 n.
East Asia \$.	71 b.

INSURANCES

Cantors \$.	220 n.
Union \$.	405 n.
China Underwriters \$.	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$ x.d.	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.	128 n.
Steamboats \$.	8 s.
Indo-Chinas P. \$.	80 n.
Indo-Chinas D. \$.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$/-	40/74 n.
Waterbouts \$.	655 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.	864 n.
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S'hal Dockyards \$.	264 n.

MINING

Kailan \$/-	12/0 n.
Raubs \$.	8 n.
H.K. Mines 1/4 cts. n.	

LANDS

Hotels \$.	2.85 b.
Lands \$.	31 b. sa.
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S'hal Lands Sh. \$.	13 n.
Humphreys \$.	6.70 n.

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ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
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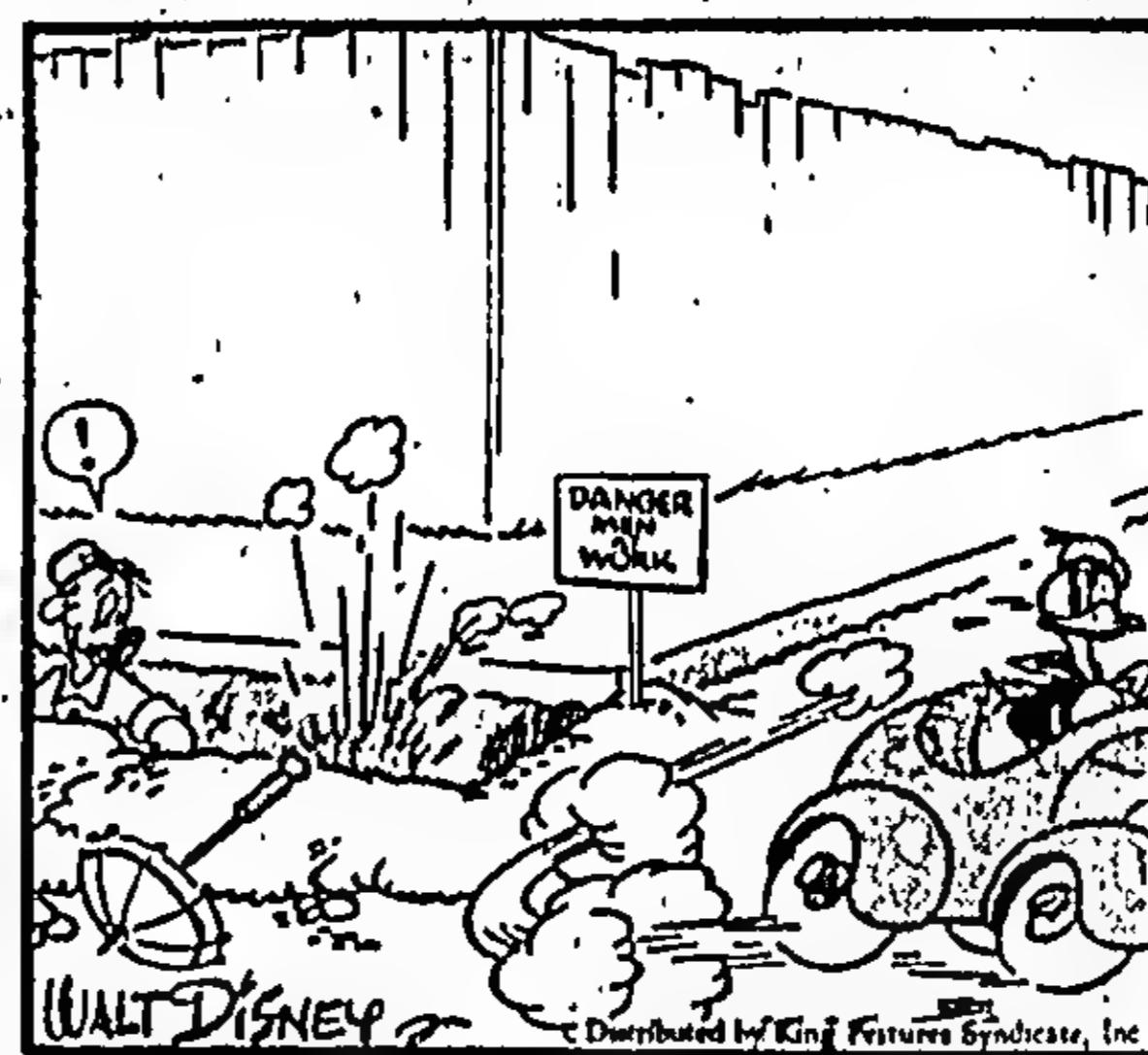
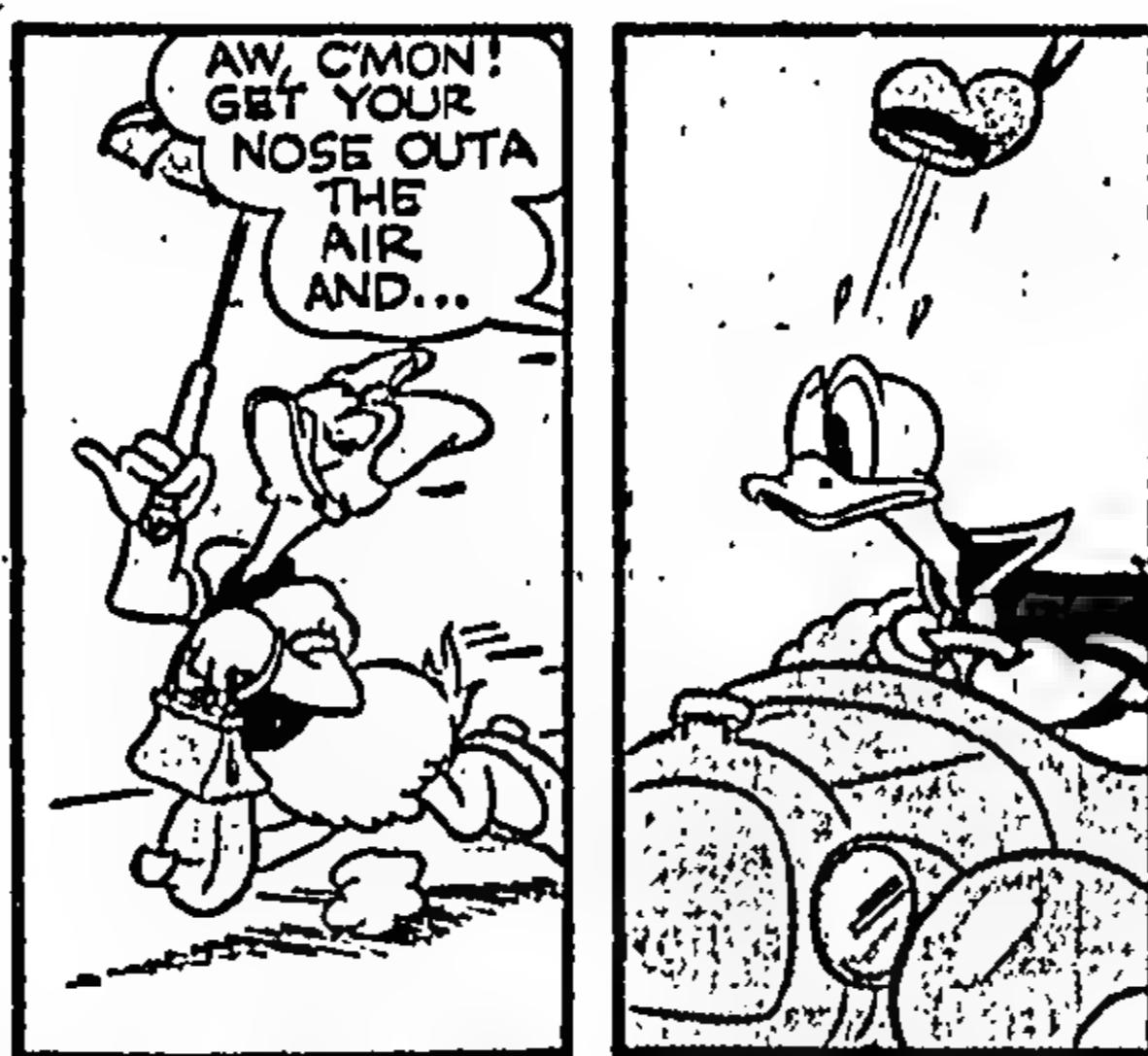
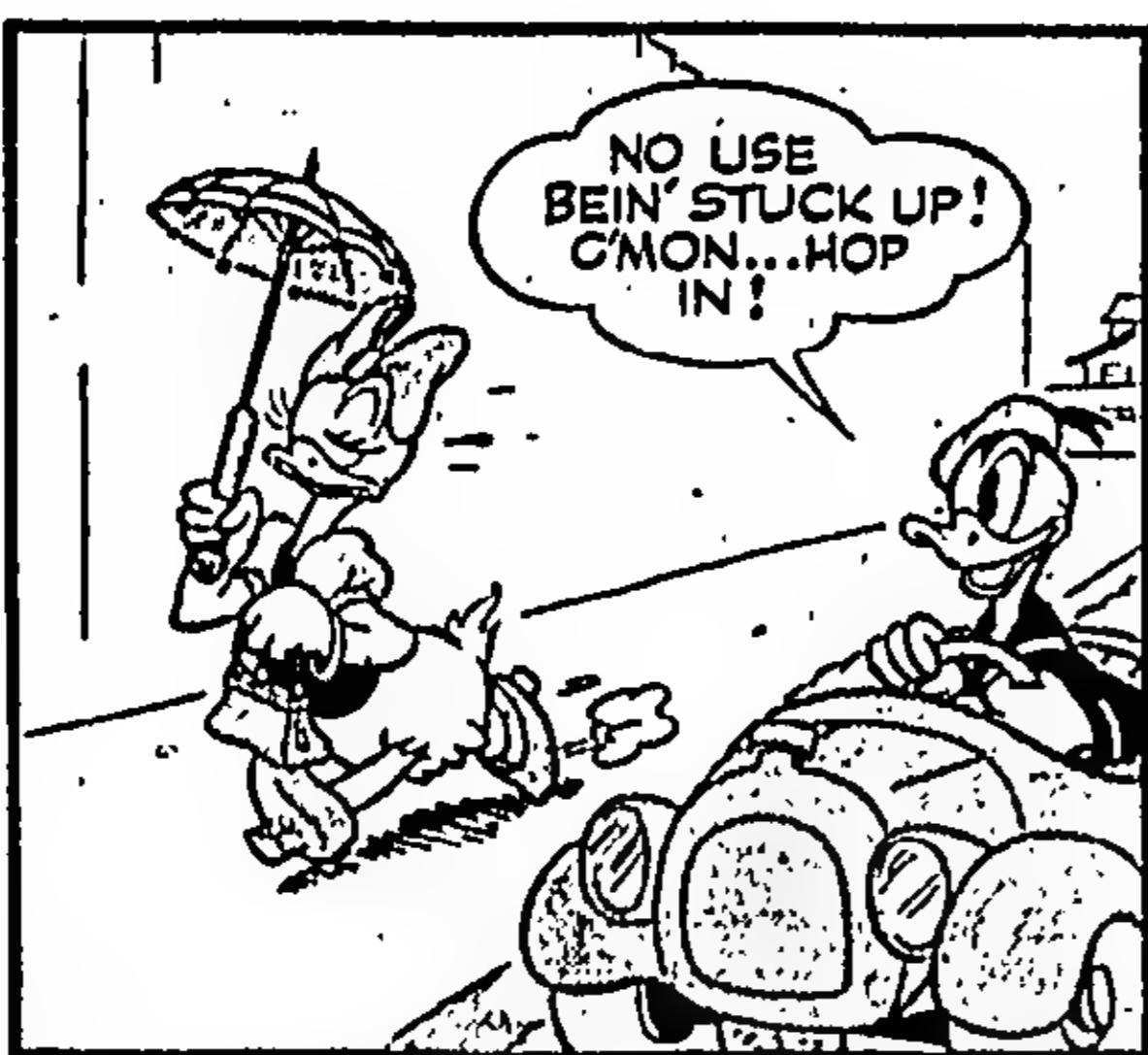
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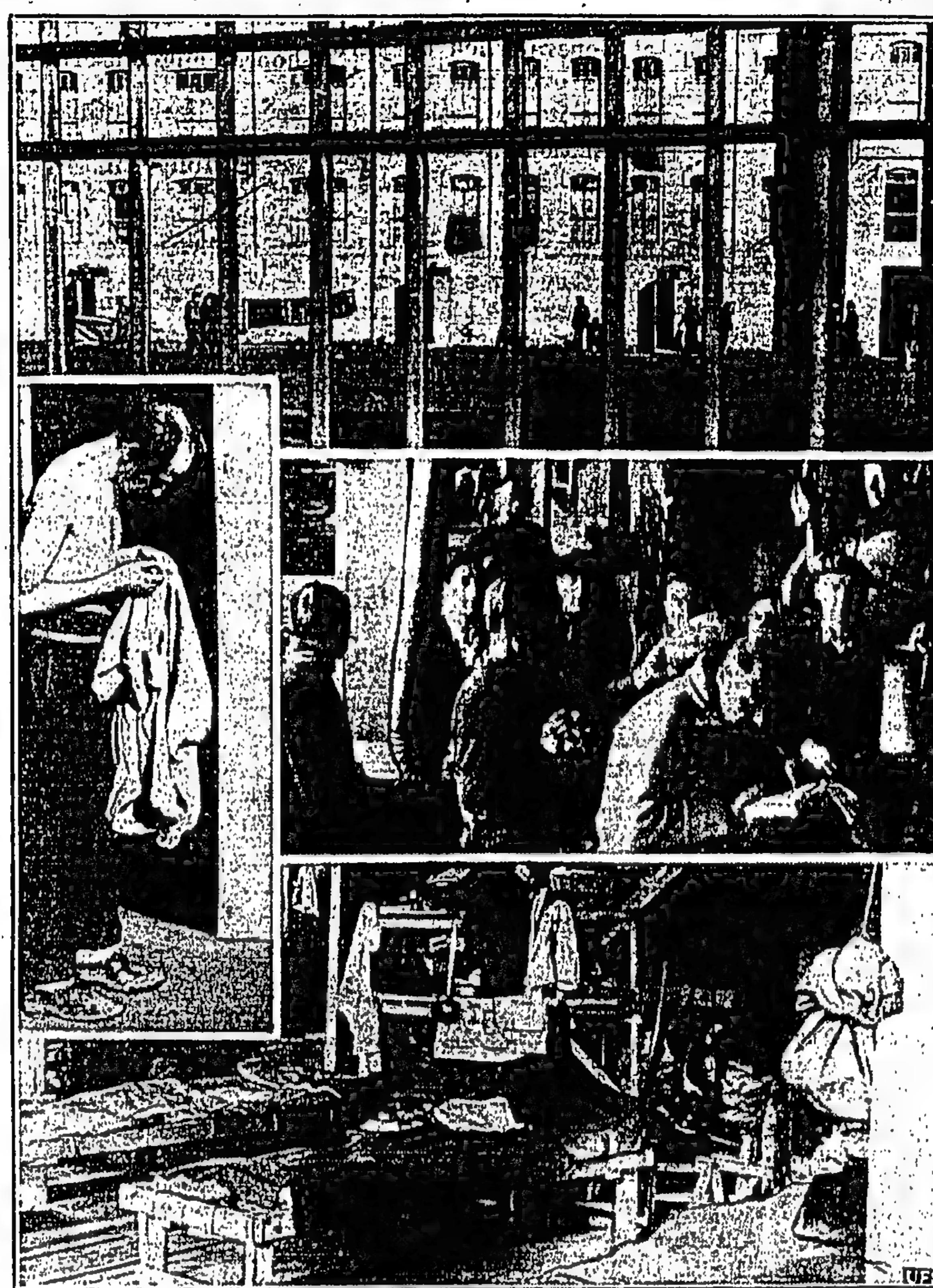


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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half a dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defense. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation.

The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

strangle what is left of Unoccupied France.

To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany. Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war.

We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become leaders again in Europe."

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences.

The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after France fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power, with the

FRENCH REFUGEES—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovakians, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseille. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building.

LOFT—a refugee "roads his shirt" for parasites. Right, Russians huddle about a small wood-burning stove while bread and soup are served. Bottom, wooden bunks for men in German refugee quarters. Each group is assigned a leader who is responsible for persons in his charge. Future appears dark for them.

backing of Germany, that he fell victim to the intrigue of his political foes at home and to Petain's own ideas of how to save France from extinction.

Laval is now in Paris, but many in Vichy believe he will return. They know that the Germans can put him in a place of power again if they think it desirable.

The ousting of Laval brought Admiral Francois Darlan to power, and consolidated in his hands the most important cabinet posts. Darlan is outspokenly anti-British, because he built up the French Navy and saw some of its finest ships attacked by the British at Dakar and Oran. He is reputed to have expressed a hope that the French Navy would have a chance to show its mettle to the British, but is also credited with being merely more anti-British than pro-German.

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war.

Petain and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

The line of demarcation between occupied and unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation.

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 12½ to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 43½.

This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and whenever the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

Against the German power, there are a few safeguards.

One is the Nazi-dictated armistice that left the fleet in French hands to protect French colonies. As long as Petain can threaten to flee to North Africa and turn the fleet, air force and colonial army over to co-operation with the British, the Germans must carefully weigh the cost of breaking the armistice terms by invading the unoccupied zone or seizing French naval bases.

The second and, possibly the most important, safeguard is the pro-British feeling among the French armed forces and the people. Three experienced observers just returned from North Africa told the same story: that the French navy took an objective view of the military necessity that prompted British attacks at Oran and Dakar, and that the feeling among both men and officers was favourable to the British.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyses business and hits the people in their pocketbooks. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are now signs scrawled in chalk on the walls—"Vive De Gaulle!"—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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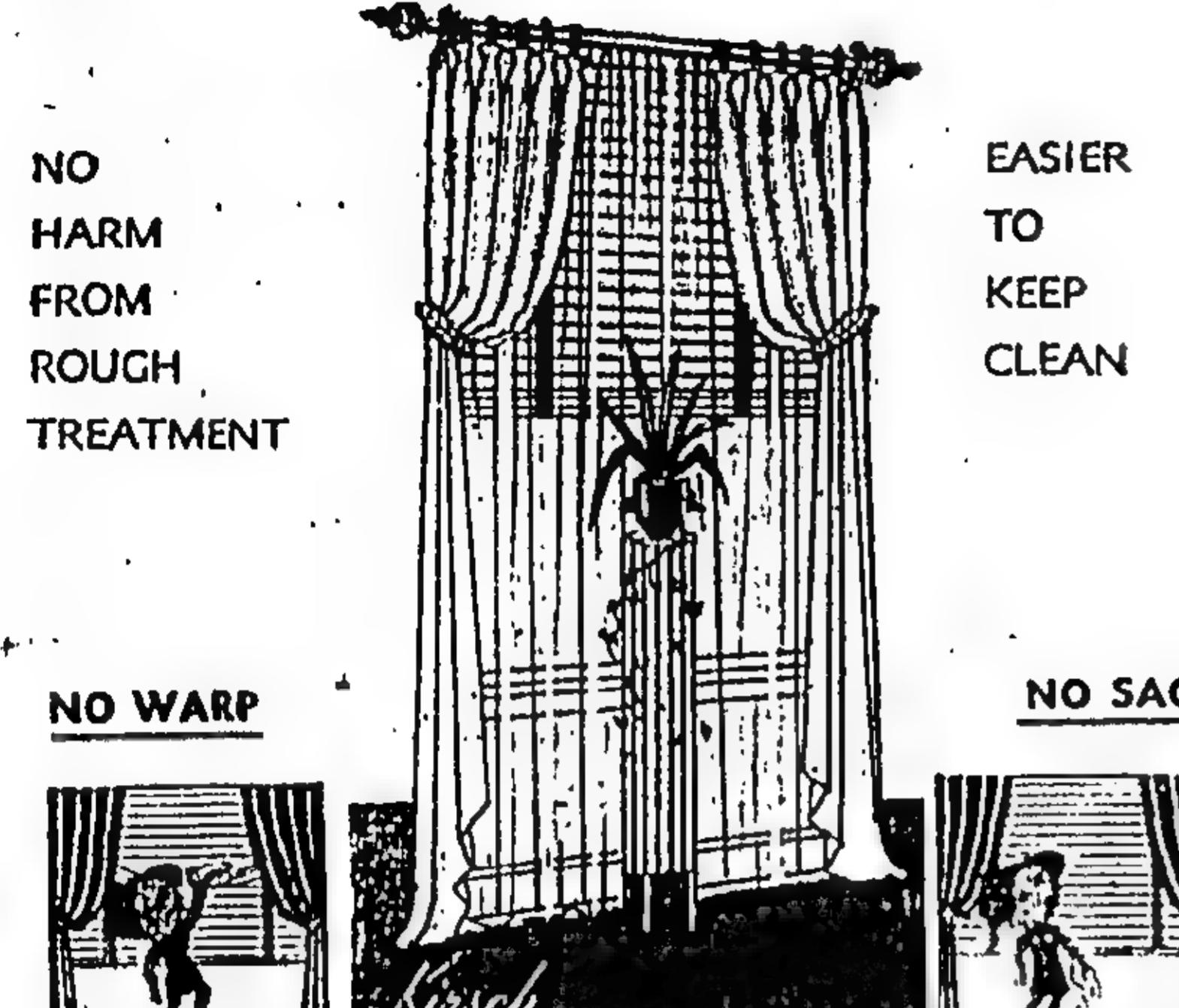
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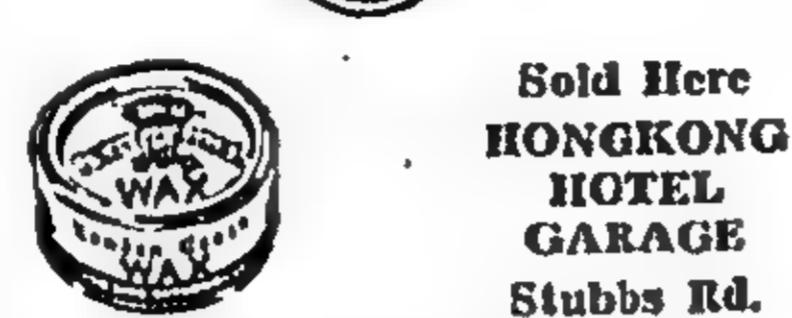
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BALANCE SHEET

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first war, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the northeast because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle at

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and Geneva as in the Foreign geographical remoteness or other indomitable faith in the Offices they had left behind considerations. Then he goes sed himself more to a clear ex- position of his "conclusions" than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical conjunctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

"I believe all these defects would be lessened if there were, inside the framework of the League a confederation of confederated Powers with appropriate confederated organs.

Shall we witness a joyful very long time in the years return to the great palace after this war is sure. "Nurse no extravagant hopes" might usefully serve as one of the humbler mottoes of any future League of Nations. As the author sorrowfully hints on his last page, where he distinguishes between "the region of political reform and that of spiritual regeneration," the spiritual and moral atmosphere of Europe has not improved in the first four

"The most obviously necessary of these bodies would be a European Confederation, the central object of which would be the preservation of European peace."

"It should be open to European members of the League who fully accept the principle that aggression is an international crime and are prepared to use all their strength to protect the victim of it in Europe."

"A European International General Staff and a Secretariat would be needed and possibly other organs. The Confederation would not be subject to the control of any other international organization, nor of the consequences of its acts to France of League action against Abyssinia. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorously in France and actually, though not explicitly, in Britain that to regard prevention of war by force as necessary, as our highest interest and duty, was a piece of visionary nonsense, and the holding of the kind should be attempted until some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

Let a single example serve! After stating and rejecting the excuses made for the lamentable handling by the British Government of Italy's aggression against Abyssinia, the author says:

"No! The feebleness of the action from the start and the subsequent abandonment of resistance to aggression were not due to any reasonable fear of the consequences to us and to France of League action against Abyssinia. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorously in France and actually, though not explicitly, in Britain that to regard prevention of war by force as necessary, as our highest interest and duty, was a piece of visionary nonsense, and the holding of the kind should be attempted until some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

That is too bitter. The truth would seem to be that as the international situation worsened, faith in the efficacy, if not in the

decades of this century, currency and a common tariff policy, would doubtless arise. If, as is vital

for permanent peace, a scheme of International Limitation of armaments is adopted, it might probably involve an international air force under the control of the European General Staff."

This brief outline can be filled doctrine of collective security. The determination of most nations to keep out this book is the last—in which dum submitted by the author to the League of Nations Union of the next war was strengthened.

Viscount Cecil draws his "conclusions." As might be expected, last year which is given as an ed by each recurrent crisis and

abandoning in despair the basic insists that whatever territorial on public platforms people were

principle of the Covenant—the financial arrangements are coming to the conclusion that

prevention of war and collective made the two vital problems to unless some vital interest of security against the aggressor, be solved must be the Main their country was directly

He assumes that there must be tenance of Future Peace and threatened prudence counselled

a League of some sort which Economic and Social Reconstruc them to keep clear of the threatening storm.

The first of these two problems was faced by the Peace Conference of 1919 which produced the League and the

Belgium's withdrawal from her Locarno obligations was significant. States stood by col-

lective security in principle, but they sought safety in Pacts of

Non-Aggression and—counting without Hitler—in neutrality.

But the extreme brittleness of Russia presents special difficulties: Japan still more, explained to the public when they

Cecil's "A Great Experiment," published recently by Jonathan Cape (16s). Few can have been better acquainted with what went on behind the scenes than he. He attended the birth

therefore, that Great Britain, or may be catastrophic; and many,

indeed any country, large or small, would accept a Constitution

which it might find itself committed to war, or to it down" and easy to hold up the

fine on paper, but it would not known all is guess-work.

March. How can it be supposed, the United States, or France, or like Viscount Cecil, are demand-

indeed any country, large or small, would accept a Constitution

which it might find itself committed to war, or to it down" and easy to hold up the

States?

For the League he abandoned all other political interests. In season and out of season he was its untiring champion and advocate.

Though he calls this book an autobiography, most of

the story is monopolised by the League, as though he

himself did not begin to live until he found his real calling

and election in the service of the League.

It is not a thrilling story. The spectacle of an enthusiast playing on his ravaged heart-strings is always sorrowful. Nor is he even now "to sorrow resigned." When his indignation is not ablaze it is smouldering, and it is directed almost always against British Ministers. He does not accept the view—which many find easiest to accept—that the League was born before the world was ready for its coming. Statesmen and delegates who were supposed when they reached Geneva to forget their nationalistic ambitions and think first of the general good of humanity signally failed to rise to the lofty standards required. It is notorious that the spirit of intrigue was rampant at

the author himself lends support to a totally different plan of climate. The World Economic boldy upon her unreadiness. If

reform. He attributes in large Conference of a few years ago, Viscount Cecil had been as fear-

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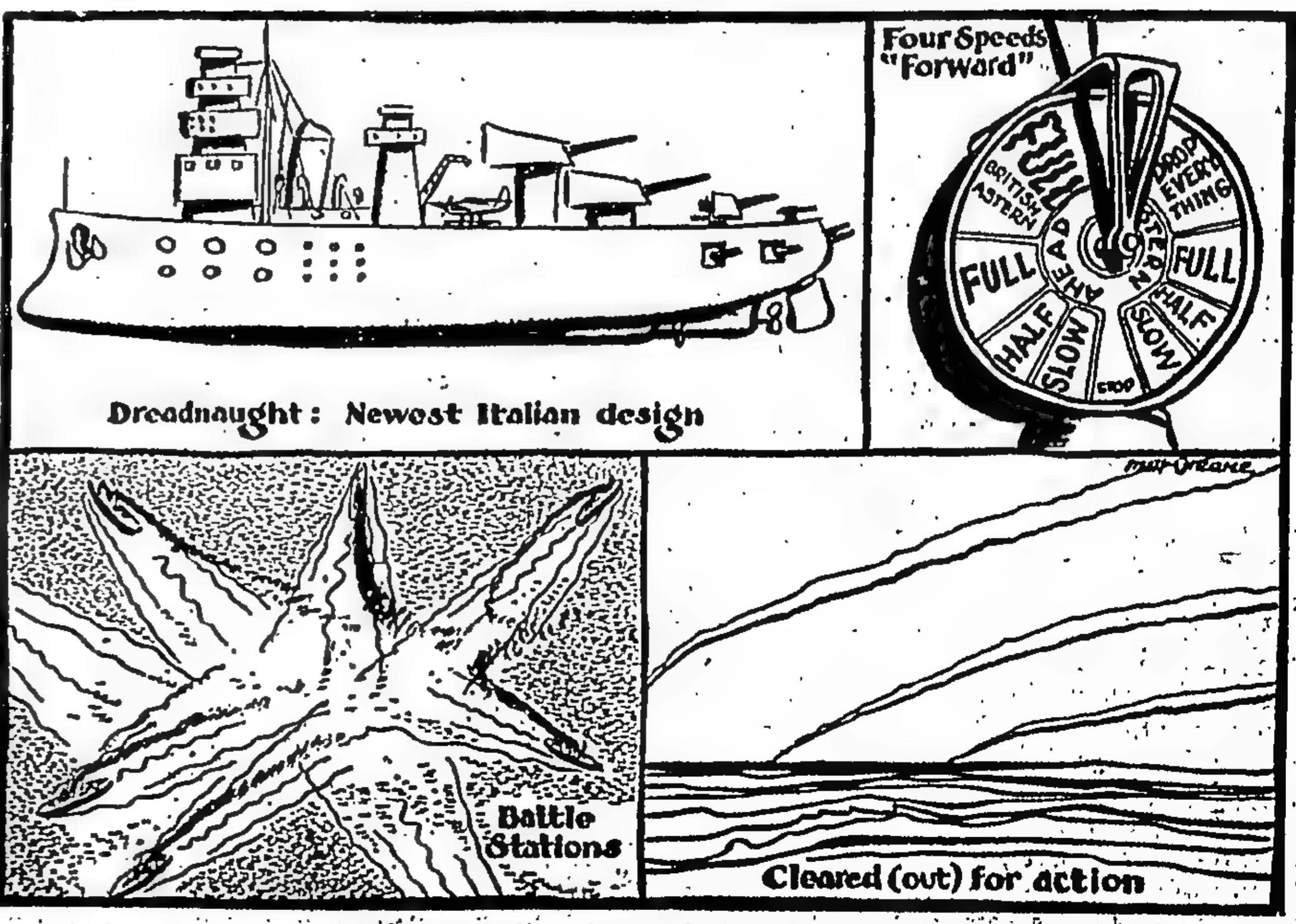
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joined and almost down" without breaking down foreign policy during the last

ten years would come with on one of their number" to a But it ought to be greatly modi-

greater persuasiveness and weight.

WITH THE ITALIAN FLEET



Japanese In Axis Intrigues

Leaflets on Damascus
LONDON, May 19 (Central News)—A sensational story of how Japan assists Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News Chronicle" by Gedye, well-known ex-Daily Telegraph correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbel's intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedye revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Allies" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, Gedye alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

LUCES ARE LEAVING

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Reuter).—Mr Henry Luco, publisher of "Life" and "Time" and Mr Luco, will probably leave on Wednesday or Thursday for the United States via Rangoon and Singapore.

They are making arrangements with the British authorities for aeroplane passage from Singapore to Manila. If this fails to materialise, they will fly from Chungking to Hongkong to take the Clipper to Manila.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fumimaro Konoye is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoye as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive now under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hunan, Shensi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appeared to have been stalemate, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switchover of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent., which lost two and a half points to 22½.

Home rails recorded useful gains.

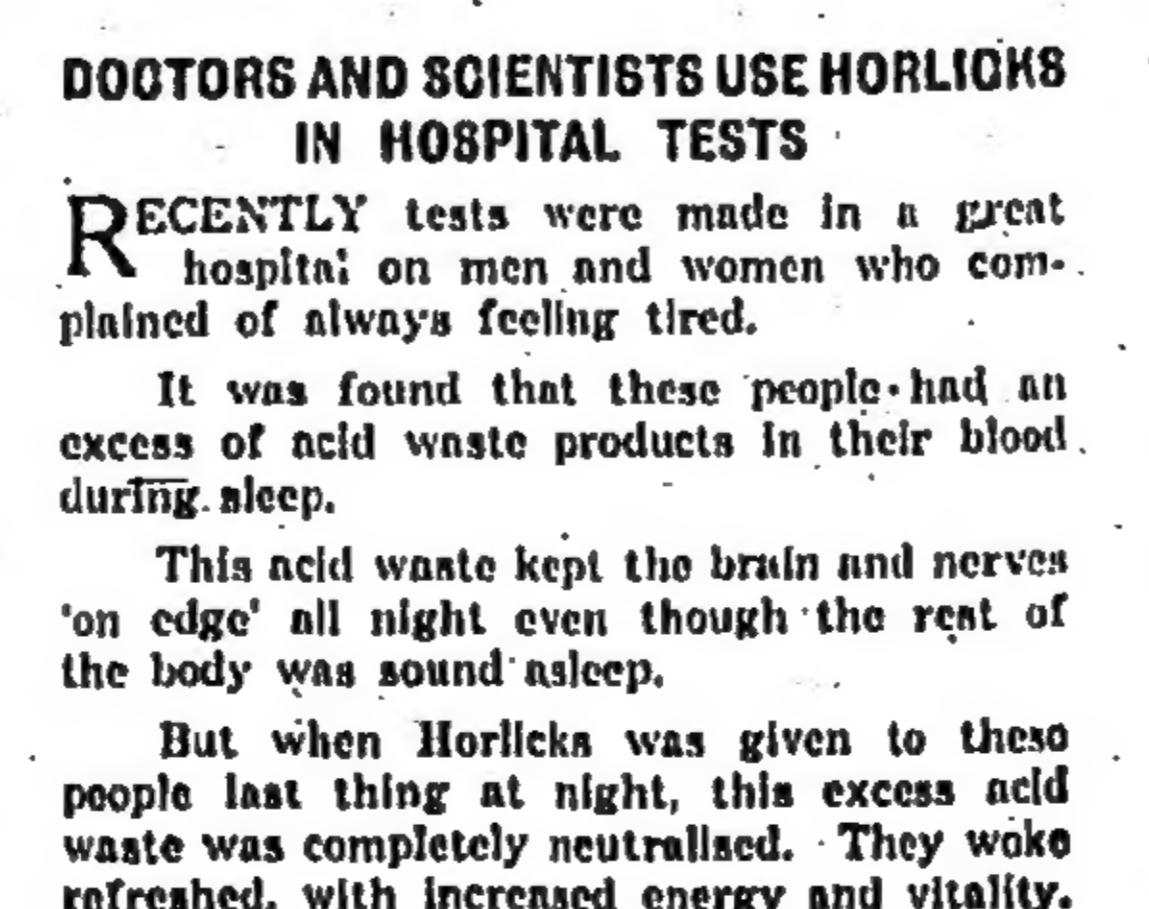
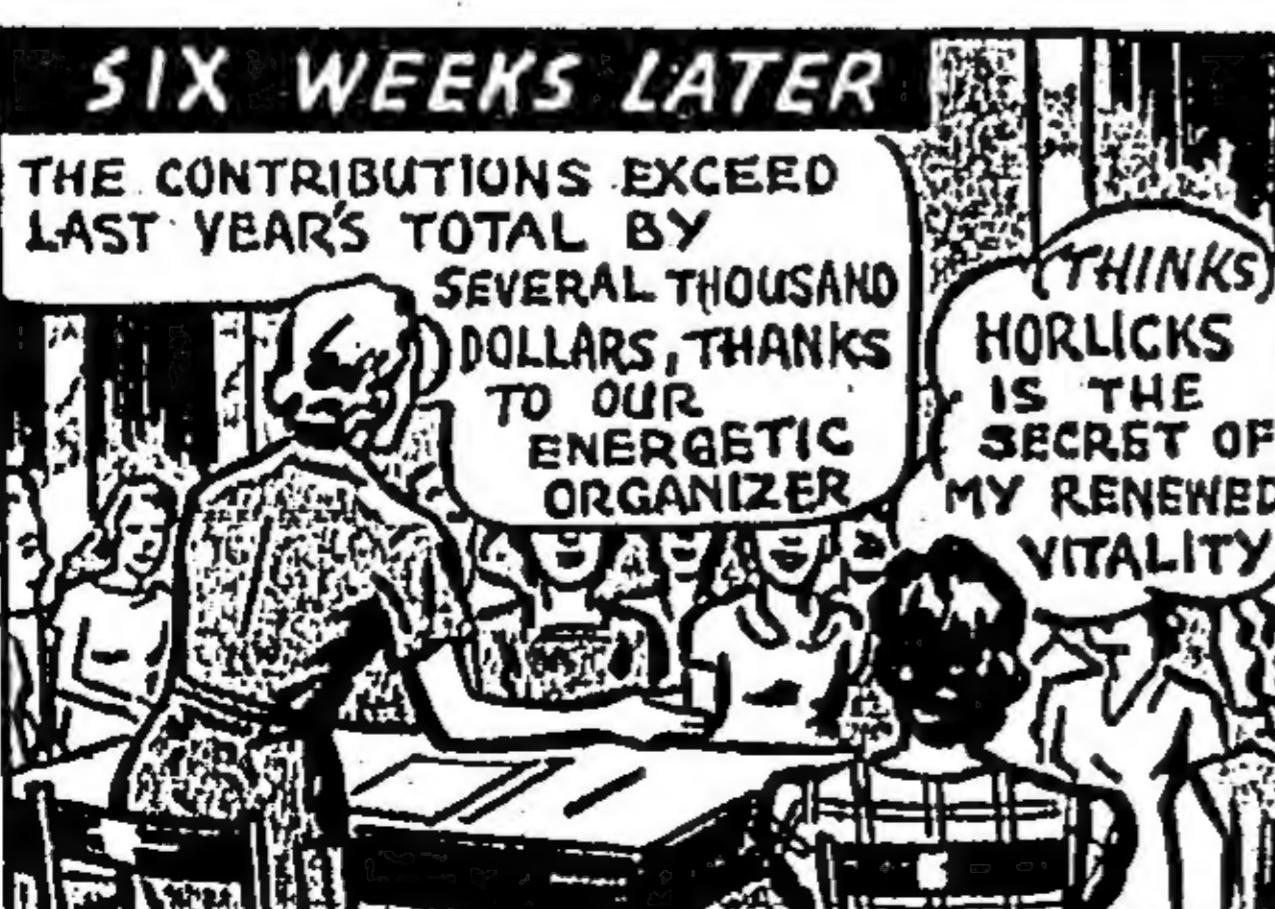
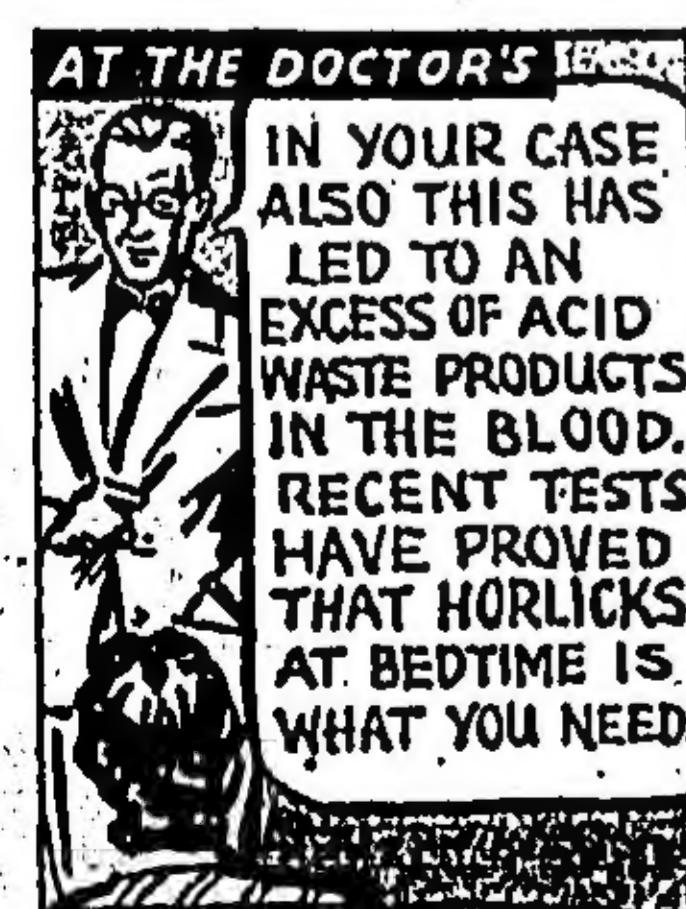
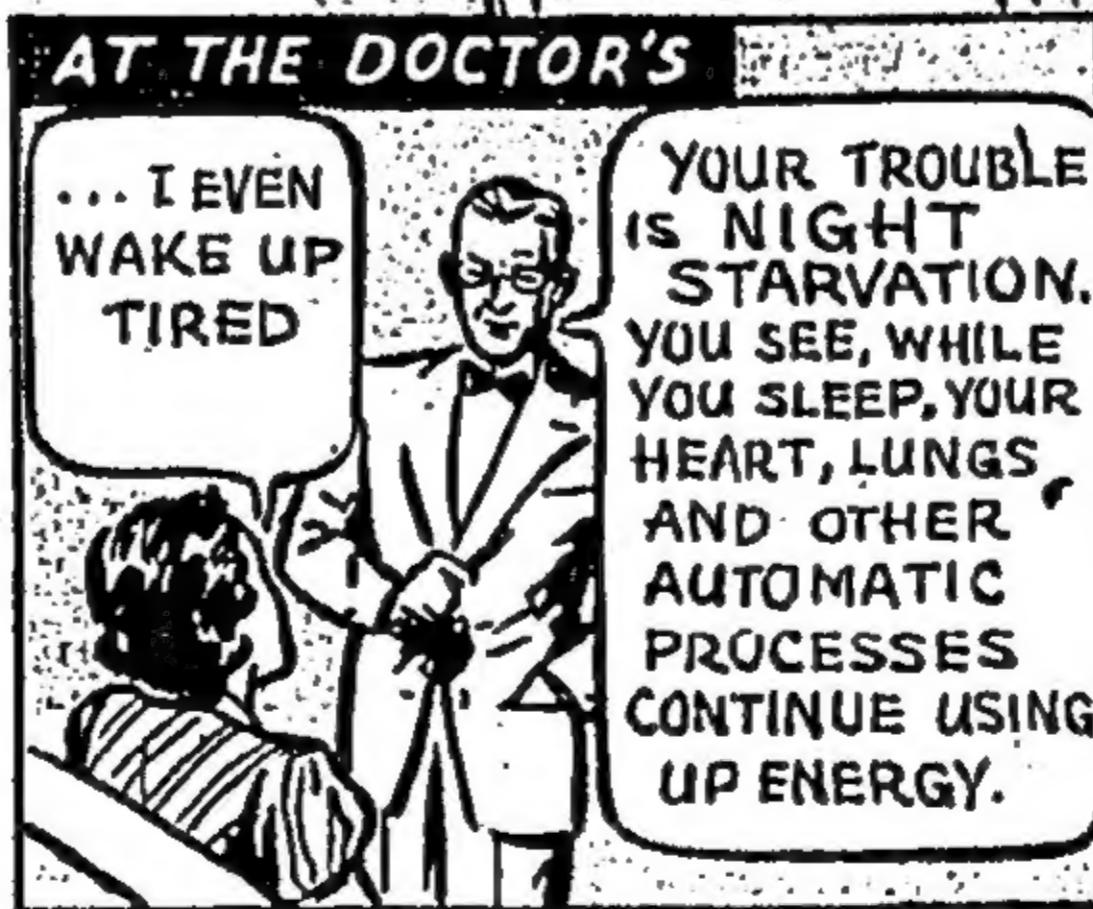
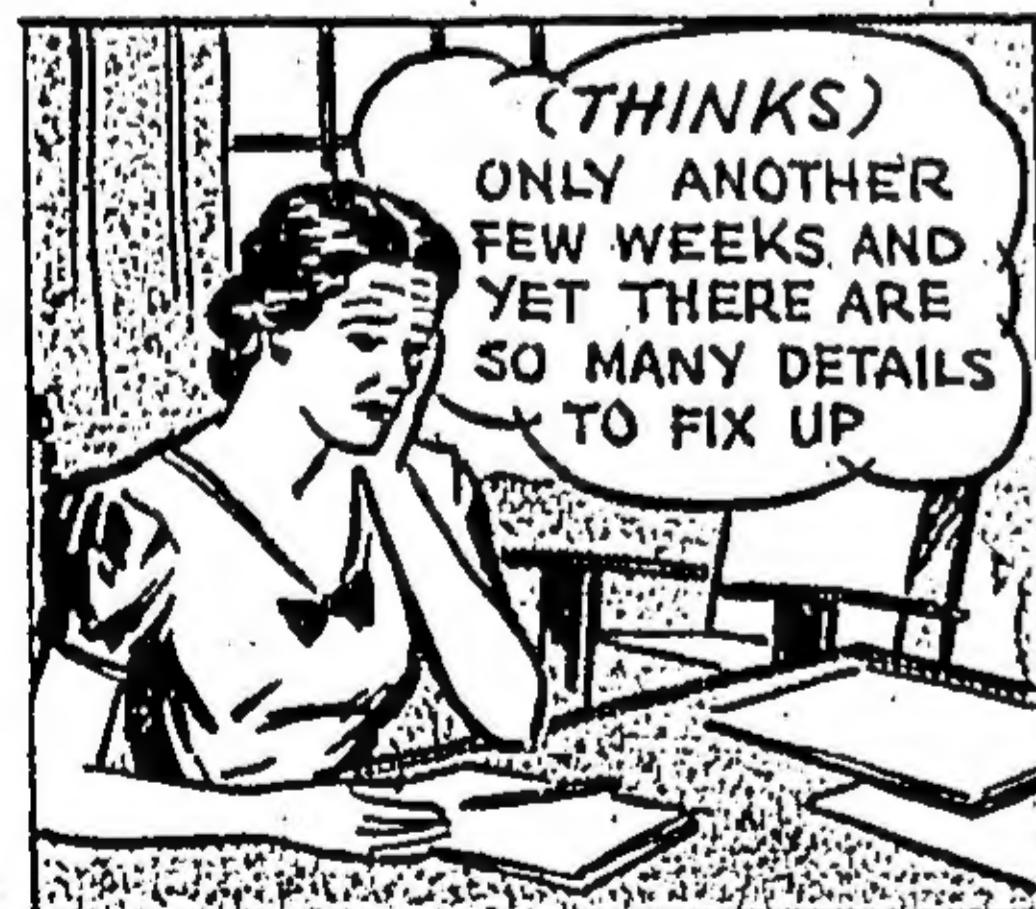
Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Among the textiles, cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 8 per cent. on preferred shares.

Wall Street was dull but steady.

More Mobilisation

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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes, and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

LONDON'S FIGHTING SPIRIT

LONDON, May 19 (British Wireless).—When Sir George Wilkinson, Lord Mayor of London, opened the City of London's savings centre at Mansion House, Mr P. C. Crump, Joint Secretary of the Prudential Assurance Company, handed him a cheque for £5,000,000 worth of 2½ per cent. National War Bonds.

Sir George announced that he had been promised more than £4,000,000 by other commercial houses.

General Sir Walter Kirke, former C-in-C. Home Forces, said that Londoners were fighting gallantly on all fronts and those at home were obviously determined not to let them down.

The Munich agreement, signed by Mr Neville Chamberlain and the Dictators, is on show at Hammersmith Town Hall with the treaty by which Germany guaranteed Belgium's neutrality before the last war.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
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FRENCH COMPLAIN

BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington M. Henry-Hayes has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

NO CONSULTATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

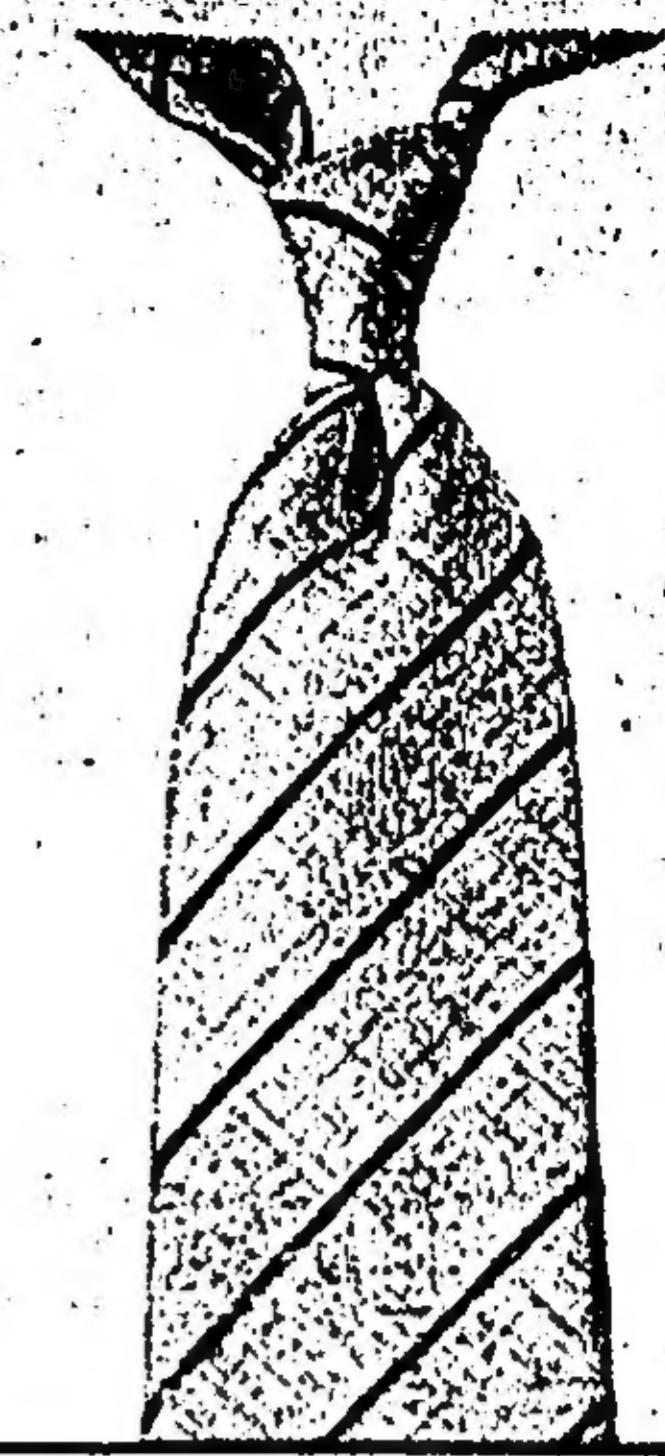
The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

PROPOSAL TO HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 58 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.



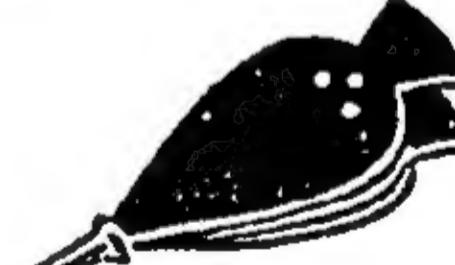
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U.S. Auxiliaries

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Senate bill permitting the Navy Department to buy or build 58 auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons and authorising expenditures of \$350,000,000, for this purpose.

Royal Exiles Go To Virgin Islands

BERMUDA, May 19 (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu are leaving here to-day for St. Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands (American possession).

Spring Training Nears Its End

Mel Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lassies took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marques' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 win over the Oil "seniors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fracas.

STAGING a tremendous run-scoring uprising against the well-willed Engineers, manager Dave Ussher's mighty Tulsa diamondites played "scorched earth" ball to crush home with a colossal 25 run mercy-knockout. Uncle Sam's new double-tear ball-busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Sapper hurler Ruddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Paced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germonto's circuit-labeled clout in the 6th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "covered up" hooks, to limit the Hamelin hoosiers to a solitary bingle—a slow roller between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Ruddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hillock in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-shagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad misuses in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamens from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

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Swimming appeared on the programme after the battle and a light lunch was served by the Canuckettes to end a real "Sunday afternoon picnic outing."

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Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry, Tulsa—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the plusses to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Madeline Arculli, H.B. Beer—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singles to drive in three runs; latter hurled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Wun May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batting attack, latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Card threat.

Mary Ng and Mavis Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tossing game in subduing the Oiler slugging threat; petite Mavis covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whizzing around in whippet fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Trounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 10 (UP)—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win to-day, beating Brooklyn Dodgers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	1	4	2
Battery: Casey, Brown, Hamlin, Tammis, Owen, Phelps	14	42	2
Chicago	14	42	2
Battery: Pasco, McCullough, George			
New York	1	4	0
Battery: Hubbell, Danning	2	6	1
Pittsburgh	1	4	2
Battery: Butcher, Lopez			
Boston	3	9	4
Battery: Salvo, Berres, Grimp, Clementi	7	14	3
Tigers			
Battery: Vandermeer, Beggs, Lombardi			

The losers came in with their final tally in the 4th, when Germondo's timely bingle over first drove in "Texas" Guinn. The beer stalwarts added a three run "confidence" spree in their half of the 4th when Oben Arculli, George Souza and Hank All flashed over the pair with good measure tallies.

The mighty T pulled off a screw-ball double play in the 4th with the bags loaded, when beerman Baby Abbas, in ducking from one of MacLanahan's fast balls, unintentionally hit out a "hark side" slow roller to Tulsa's slabster who started an easy double killing via MacLanahan to Red Simmons to Gerry Germondo.

Madeline Arculli, H.B. brewery's premier moundsman, in his first appearance of the year, disposed of a masterful hurling performance in holding the dangerous Tulsaman to seven scattered bingles and striking out six.

THE Truelight scholars came through with their second straight win, taking an 8-5 triumph from Dixie Walker's abbreviated Cardinals.

The winners took a two run lead in the 2nd frame on a double and single by Ellen Ling, and Lal Bik-wong, but the Cards came back in the 3rd frame to even up as June Hall and Betty Clarke crossed the bouncing platter. The Redbirds went into a one run lead in the opening of the 4th, but the schoolgirls returned in their half of the inning with a three run spurge on successive singles by Chee Yuen-ching and Rosalie Lau, and a terrific homer to deep centre by the starry Margery Woo.

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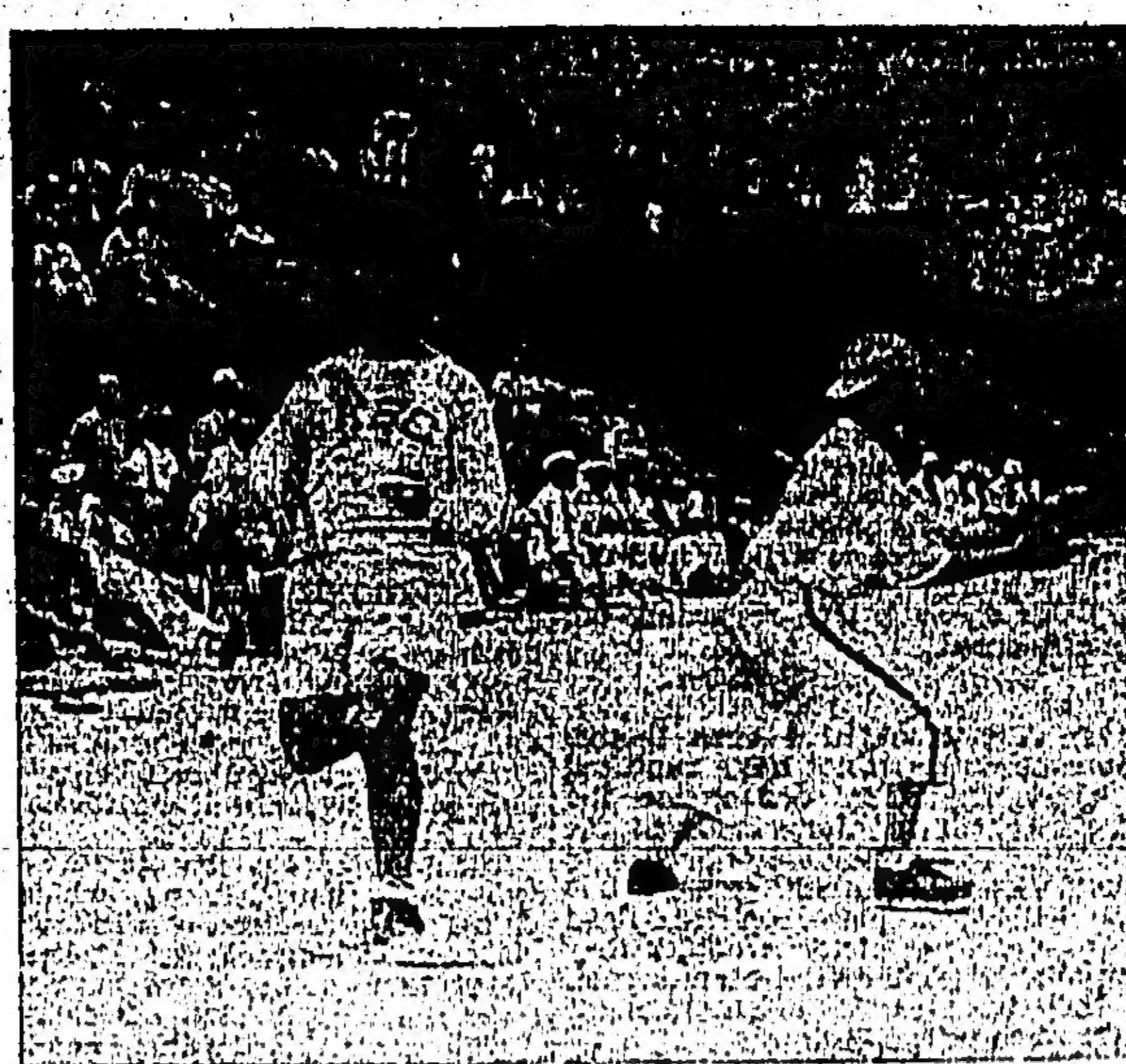
The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.

The report was received over the telephone from a reliable authority source, but appears to have been a deliberate hoax. The inconvenience caused to Mr. Beard and Mr. Kosick is much regretted.

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Dave Leonard (H. B. Brewery) one of the victims of the double play by the Tulsa in Sunday's baseball game at Caroline Hill. Catcher Simmons ready to throw for the second victim.—Ming Yuen.

League Tennis

K.C.C. Defeats H.K.C.C. In "A" Division

Wah Yan Assn Athletic Meet On Sunday

Only Scheduled Game

LEAGUE TENNIS made its start yesterday when only one of the three scheduled "A" Division matches was played. The Hongkong Cricket Club lost to the Kowloon Cricket Club 3-5 in one game being unfinished. L. Goldman, who has just returned from leave, and M. Pagh, the Club champion, were far and away the best pair on the court. In winning all three games—the only ones that Club claimed—they conceded but five games.

Kowloon were without the services of E. C. Fincher due to Volunteer work, but were nevertheless strong enough to beat the remaining two H.K.C.C. pairs in all five games that were completed.

The unfinished game was that of T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould against G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford. Monaghan and Gould were leading 5-2 when the former had the misfortune to break his spectacles.

Scores were:

	R	H	E
Kowloon	1	4	2
Battery: Smith, Treh, Kennedy, Masterson, Evans	10	1	
H.K.C.C.	2	4	2
Battery: Dobson, Harris, Judd, Pencock			

The programme is:

Long Jump, B Grade 50-metres, A Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump,

Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association); A Grade 200 metres, Obstinate race.

Tug of War (Old Boys v. Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v. Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

Home Soccer Fixtures

For May 24

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 24:

LONDON CUP

Millwall v. Arsenal.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Brentford v. Reading; Cardiff City v. Portsmouth; Fulham v. Southend; Tottenham v. Leicester; Walsall v. Nottingham Forest; Watford v. Queen's Park Rangers; Westham v. Chelsea.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Everton v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers; York City v. Middlesbrough.

REGIONAL MATCH

Chesterfield v. Stoke City.

"B" Division Matches

The following is to-day's programme of "B" Division matches:

C.R.C. v. Army T.C.

Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

S.C.A.A. v. K. Tong

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables; Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

Alumni Assn Beat University

A friendly Tennis match between Hongkong University undergraduates and Hongkong University Alumni Association was played on Sunday and resulted in a win for the latter by nine points to seven.

Scores were:

Lam Chee-kuan and Cheah Chong-keung (University) lost to Yu Tak-cheuk and Yu Tak-lam, 6-2; lost to Leo Linh-long and Tsui Ali-lee, 6-2; lost to Yu Ping-chau and Mok York-chau, 6-3; drew with A. M. Wong and K. Yip, 6-6.

Hui Peng-kwan and S. N. To (University) lost to Yu and Lu, 6-2; lost to Lee and Tsoi, 6-2; lost to Yu and Mok, 6-2; lost to Lee and Tsoi, 6-2.

Kenneth Lo and Ling Sing-hang (University) beat Yu and Lu, 6-2; lost to Lee and Tsoi, 6-4; beat Yu and Mok, 6-3; beat Rodrigues and Lo, 6-4.

George Choi and Ong Hing-pitt (University) drew with Yu and Lu, 6-6; beat Lee and Tsui, 6-4; beat Yu and Mok, 6-1; beat Rodrigues and Lo, 6-3.</p

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British Reach Cyprus From Greek Front

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuters).—It is now possible to reveal that a party of Imperial troops who were the remnants of the historic rearguard at Mount Olympus, in rags, some of them ill and wounded, have reached the shores of Cyprus after the most astonishing escapes among the Greek Aegean islands.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds when Nazi planes, tanks and infantry in massed assaults tried to smash their line.

One Anzac said: "The Germans came on like men possessed, determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies. One river, where we made a stand, was so choked with German bodies that you could walk across."

"Man for man, we were better than the Germans, but although our artillery was magnificent, we had not the swarms of tanks and planes which were the real secret of the German success."

When eventually the tanks broke their lines, these men began to march to the coast. Their rations exhausted, without blankets and with most of their equipment discarded, day and night they trudged on.

Bomber And Other Funds

A total of \$1,930,007.70 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: Club (fifteenth donation) \$1,207.90

Shooting Competition, Hughes Group, Special Guard, R.R.C. \$5
"No Rain" Ball, Hongkong Football Club, Rugby Section, "Seven-a-side" Tournament, \$1,207.90

Skylight—17th May Party, Supreme Court Bomb (second donation) \$1
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Turner (second donation) \$2,000

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (in memory of the late Mr. Tom Flynn) \$5
Post Office Employees (third donation) \$10

Sale of Scrap (thirteenth donation) \$10
Dr. and Mrs. John Durran (second donation) \$100
Banque Belge pour l'Etanger, French Captives, European Y.M.C.A. Sewing Circle, Central Police Gang \$100

C.S.C.C. Bowls Match \$10
"A Midlander" \$1
Messrs. Gordon, Ltd. (monthly donation) \$10
Mr. M. G. Carruthers (monthly donation) \$10

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The following is a list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:

Previously acknowledged \$100 and \$100 404.45

Mrs. M. L. Whitley (monthly), \$50;
Quarry Bay Working Party \$9.50; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly), \$10; the Watson Girls' Club (monthly), \$10; the Proceeds of Entertainment "Boy Meets Girl" \$400; E. Lloyd Jones (monthly), \$10; H. Hancock (monthly), \$25; Dr. K. W. Chapman (monthly), \$20; in Memory of T. H. Hyndman, \$10; in Memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw \$10; Anonymous (monthly), \$5; Analysis Government Laboratories April, \$77.

SPITFIRE FUND

Subscribers to the L.G.U. Spitfire Fund will be pleased to hear that the Ladies' Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have been able to remit by telegraphic transfer \$120 to Headquarters in London.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters graciously acknowledged receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941:
Previously acknowledged \$4,145; Mr. H. A. Kohler \$20; Mr. M. Thomas \$10.
Total to date, \$4,175.

Australia's War Loan Sold Out

CANBERRA, May 19 (Reuters).—Following a last-minute rush, Australia's £35,000,000 War Loan closed-to-day having been over-subscribed, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. A. W. Fadden) estimates, by £750,000.

The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan.

Empire Air Scheme

MELBOURNE, May 19 (Reuters).—The Air Minister, Mr. K. McEwen, declared that Australia was entirely abreast of the extra commitments under the Empire Air Scheme and was remedying any lag in personnel quickly.

Mr. McEwen recalled that it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian Air Force squadrons were being formed for service in the theatres of war overseas.

Uganda Fighter Squadron

LONDON, May 19 (British Wireless).—Uganda has now raised a total of £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft, and a squadron will be named after the Protectorate.

The final figure was reached with gifts of £5,700 from the local Com-

missioner Winston Churchill

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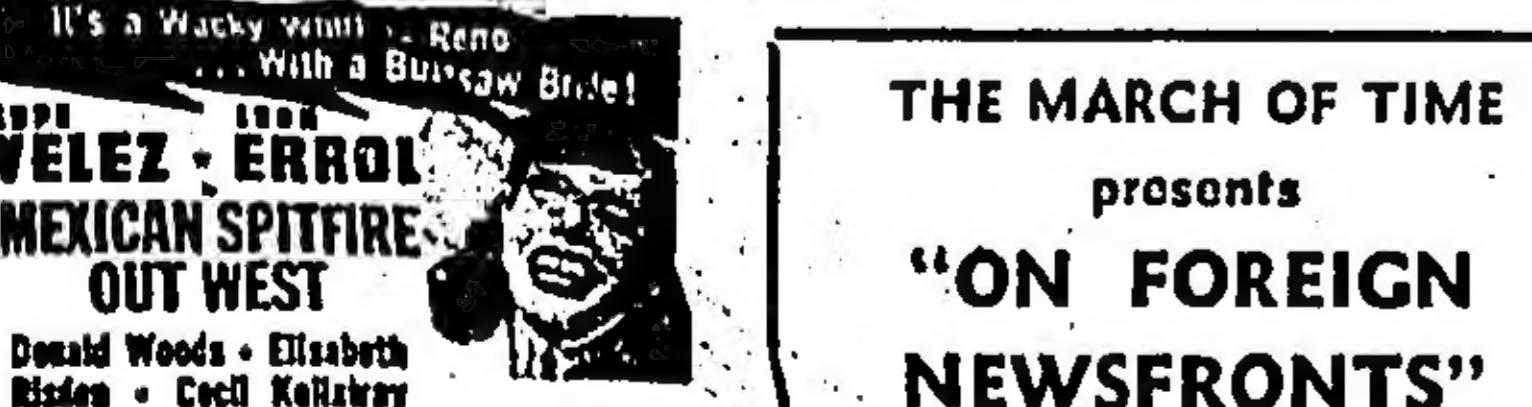
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THOUSAND DOLLAR FINES Wireless Offences

Sum Hing-chung, 32, reporter of the Kwok Ming Tong, was charged before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with possession of wireless transmitters and receiving apparatus without the necessary licence, sale permit or letter of exemption, maintaining and working the wireless transmitters, and possession of private codes. Luk Kam-wah, 23, master of the Tai Chung Stationery Shop, was charged with maintaining and working the wireless transmitters, and together with Luk Kam-fu, 18, student, was charged with possession of secret codes.

Mr D. W. Waterton, Senior Inspector of Wireless, prosecuted, and Mr P. H. Sin, appeared for Defendants.

Mr Waterton said that at 10.30 a.m. on April 25, the Police acting on information raided No. 99 Robinson Road, second floor and discovered one big wireless transmitter complete with receiving apparatus in the front cubicle, two portable small wireless transmitters in the middle cubicle and another big wireless transmitter in the rear cubicle. The two portable wireless transmitters were found to be unserviceable. Also found were spare parts of the wireless transmitters and several secret codes. On the person of third Defendant was found one secret code book.

Mr Waterton asked His Worship to take a serious view of the matter as this kind of offence had been occurring very frequently lately.

Plea of Guilty

Mr Sin pleaded guilty on behalf of Defendants but said that the maximum penalty should not be imposed on Defendants since they had not done anything with the wireless transmitters that might endanger the safety of Hongkong. The Government of the Republic of China. Defendants probably belonged to some organisation but the fact that they were very frank about the affair showed that they did not know the seriousness of the offence.

The two separate charges of possession and maintaining were of the same nature and should be considered as single count.

Accidental Act

The charge against third Defendant was really a technical one since he was not at all connected with the business of first two Defendants. He was the brother of second Defendant, and it happened that on that day he visited his brother and accidentally put a private code book in his pocket.

His Worship agreed with Mr Sin that the two separate charges of possession and maintaining were of the same nature, and allowed withdrawal of the charge of maintaining. He considered this kind of offence as very serious and Defendants were fortunate not to be sent to prison.

On the charge of possession the confiscation of the wireless transmitters was ordered. First and second Defendants were each fined \$1,000 or three months' hard labour on the charge of working the wireless transmitters and \$1,000 or three months on the count of possession of private codes, the sentences to run consecutively. A fine of \$1,000 or three months' hard labour was imposed on the third man.

LATE NEWS

Graceful Gesture To Churchill

SHANGHAI, May 20 (Reuters)—With 52,000 signatures attached, a telegram from Chinese residents in Shanghai to Mr Winston Churchill, expressing respect, sympathy and a strong determination to fight for the common cause of the two nations, is expected to be handed over to the local British authorities shortly for despatch to London.

The telegram and the signatures have already been elaborately mounted by the sponsors of the movement, namely the Chinese-American daily and one of the leading pro-Chungking dailies here, and there may be a public exhibition of the artistically prepared document before its dispatch.

The document is reported to measure three feet in width and 30 feet in length, and is covered with the signatures and red seals of famous people in all walks of life. It also contains many complimentary phrases written by the signatories in appreciation of the British leader and people. The telegram itself is written by a well-known calligrapher.

Axis Powers To Suffer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP)—Congress, by enacting the Reynolds-May resolution applying the export control bill to territories and possessions of the United States, made possible the application of new economic pressure against Japan, Russia and other Axis partners, especially in the vital field of vegetable oils and fats and hemp.

Philippine coconut oil and copra are the best known sources of lauric acid fats which are easily convertible into glycerine, gunpowder, plastics and many other war essentials. Hemp is a Philippine monopoly and as a raw material cannot be substituted for rope which is a vital item in ship operations and many industrial processes.

New Opium Offence Revealed

SHIUKWAN, May 19 (International)—A high staff officer returning from the East River front revealed that about 25,000 Japanese troops of the South China command are deployed in the present operations in Waichow and Poldo, which are now enveloped by Chinese forces preparatory to a counter-offensive.

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KWANGTUNG OBJECTIVE

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Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

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The Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance, unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuters)—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

LIBYA, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbariyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Sollum, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

The Duke replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future."

Britain Must & Will Receive The Goods

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Allies, saying: "We must produce goods needed in the defence of the free way of life. We must see that these goods reach the armies of the democracies. I am confident we will. We will unite in the support of any and all measures to achieve these purposes."

Mr. Rockefeller denounced political control in foreign trade and asserted that after the war, "a compromise would be unthinkable."

"He who would have trade with Hitler would be compelled to do so on Hitler's terms. He would be compelled deliberately to close his eyes to the coupling of commerce with political penetration. We want, and need, foreign trade, but not that kind of trade which is used by the totalitarian Powers as levers for political domination."

China Seeks More Arms By Barter

CHUNGKING, May 15 (International)—It was revealed here that on the night of May 15, Dr H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr Alexander S. Panouchevkin, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

SHOT AT FROM TRAWLER

KAN Kwan, 32, junk folk, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from a gunshot wound in the left hip. In a statement to the Police, Kan said that he was shot at by Japanese from a trawler near Hau Kok, Chinese Territory, two days ago.

Sequel To Wyndham Street Incident

Because the Police offered no evidence against Tan King-yuk, 24, married woman, of 87 Austin Road, second floor, Tsimshatsui district, she was discharged by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning on summons for throwing corrosive acid at Wel Kwoh-lim, Manager of the Hish Yah News Agency, at Wyndham Street, in front of Morning Post Building, on May 6.

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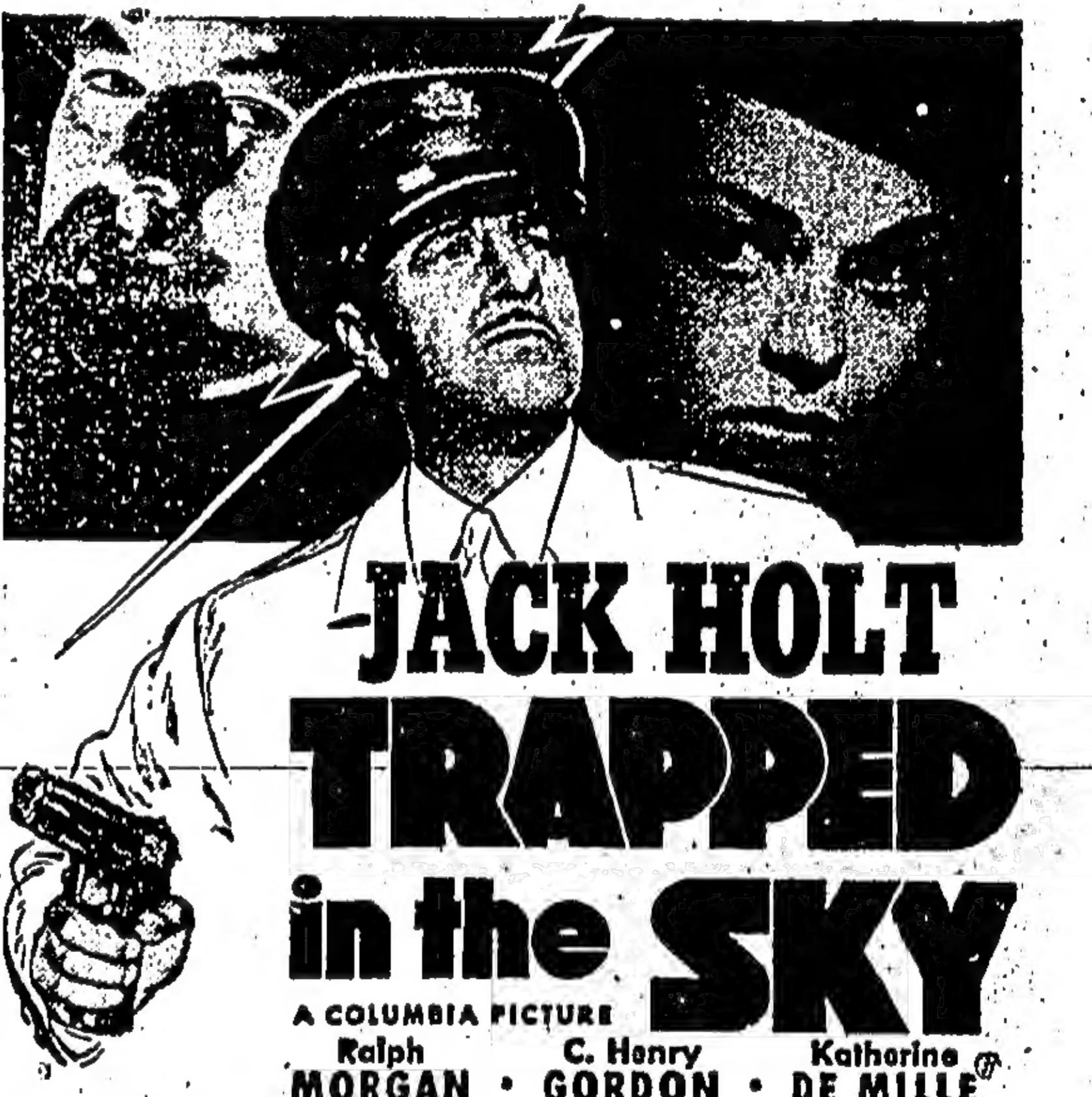
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No U. S. Volunteers Coming To China

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Reuters)—Brigadier-General Claggett, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, has denied any knowledge that American volunteers are coming to China to join the air force.

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